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## Simmons Opens After Delays

By Jennifer Krishnan  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Simmons Hall opened to residents last Tuesday, after a four-day delay.

"It's not really finished yet, but that's okay," said Joe J. Sikoscow '06. "I like the furniture. You can arrange it in like 30,000 different ways."

Residents scheduled to move in between Aug. 16 and Aug. 19 were housed temporarily in the new graduate student dormitory at Sidney and Pacific Streets. About 60 students were affected by the delay, said Senior Associate Dean for Students Robert M. Randolph.

### Inspection failure caused delay

Affected residents were informed of the delay by e-mail Friday morning, Aug. 16.

"We do not know all of the details, but one of the building inspectors, the last one, asked for some modifications to be made before he would sign off on the building," wrote Simmons Hall Housemaster John M. Essigmann in the e-mail. "The inspection occurred [Thursday] evening," Aug. 15.

Director of Housing Karen A. Nilsson said crews worked through Saturday and Sunday, day and night

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## Freshmen Arrive for Revamped Orientation

By Jeffrey Greenbaum  
STAFF REPORTER

The Class of 2006 arrived this weekend as the first class to experience the myriad of changes to the MIT residential system, and initial reaction has been largely positive.

For the first time, all freshmen are being housed on campus, thanks to the recent opening of Simmons Hall. The Residential Based Advising program has been expanded at Next House, and freshmen now have the option of permanently living in the dormitory they selected over the summer and lived in during orientation.

Several freshmen said that they have been enjoying meeting others through Freshmen Preorientation Programs and are excited about the dormitory in which they currently live.

"I'm really happy with Baker because I met a lot of [freshmen] from DOE [Discover Ocean Engineering] who are living there," said Noel R. Davis '06.

### Freshmen make friends at FPOPs

This year, the number of Freshman Preorientation Programs (FPOPs) increased from six to nine, with the addition of Discovering Civil and Environment Engineering, Discovering Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sci-

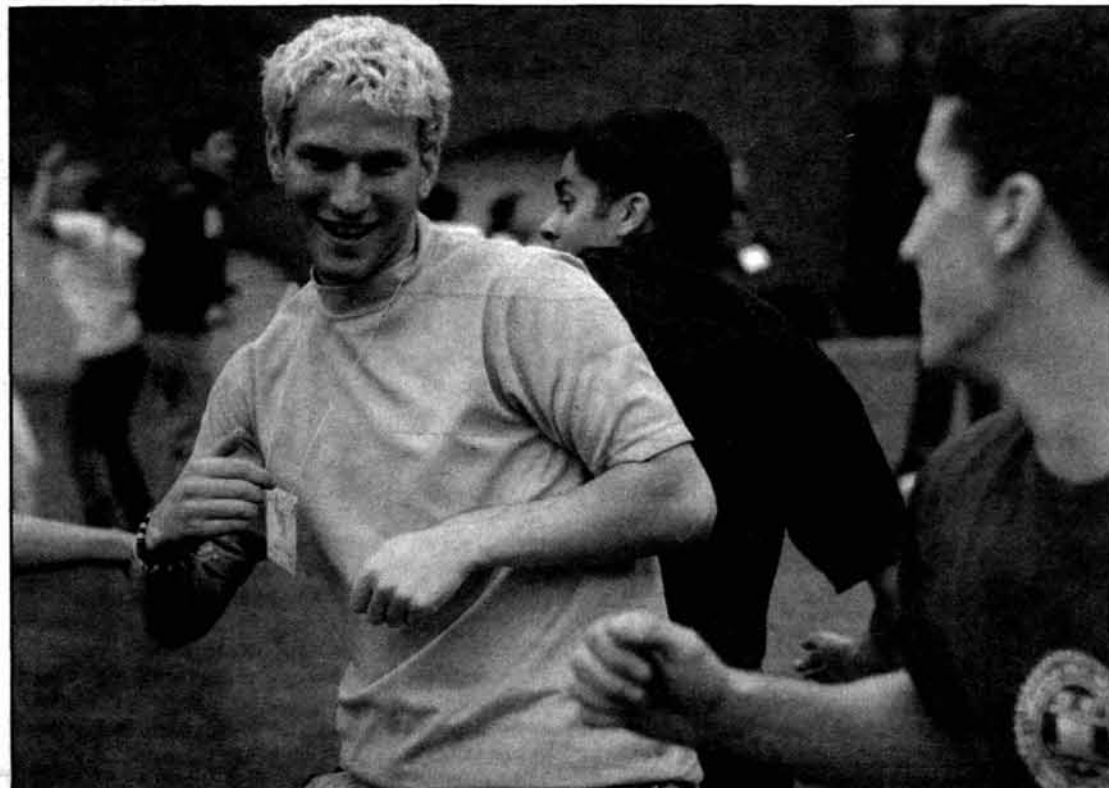
ences, and Discover Nuclear Science and Engineering, which allowed approximately half of the freshmen class to participate in

FPOPs.

Freshmen said that they liked making new friends and having more time to adjust to the MIT

campus. "I like that I got to meet my friends that I know now," said

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Amir Hirsch '06, Chirag G. Shah '04 and other members of the Freshman Leadership Program "Ride the Pony" upon returning to campus after their five-day program.

## FILGs Face Fewer Restrictions on Pre-Rush Events

By Kevin R. Lang  
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

After years of complicated rush rules and a packed week of activities designed to bring freshmen into fraternities, sororities, and indepen-

dent living groups, this year's Orientation features a substantially slimmed down recruitment process.

While the official off-campus rush week does not begin until Sept. 20, Interfraternity Council

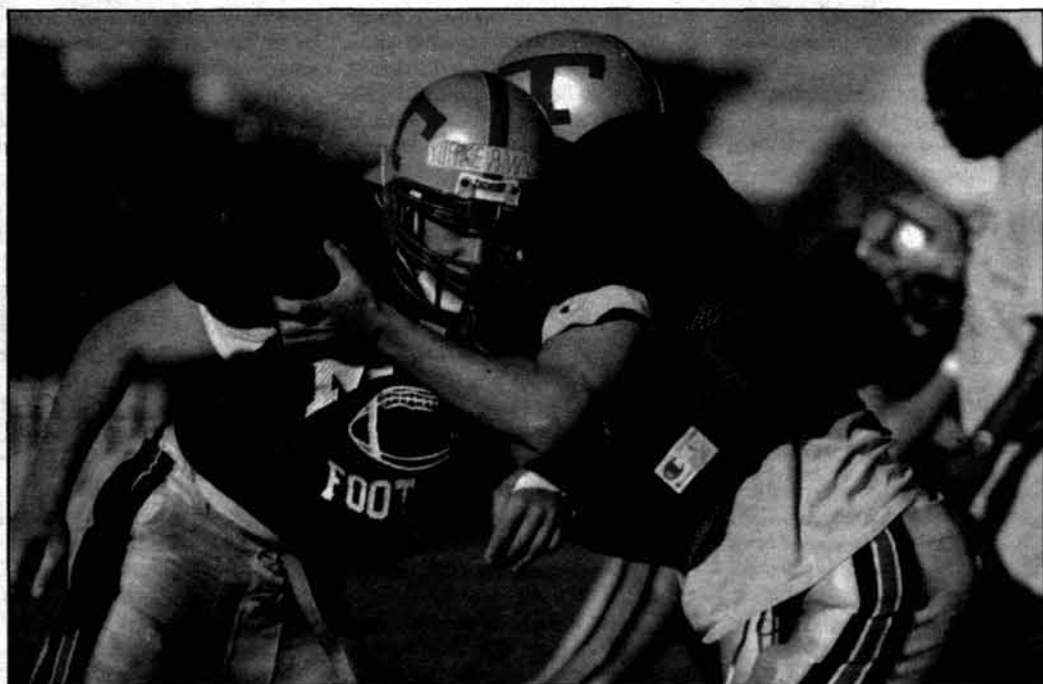
rules do not specifically bar member houses from hosting events during work week, which overlaps with Orientation. The "IFC Rush Rules 2002" state that "No [fraternity or independent living group] shall advertise house events during work week."

"Houses officially could have events of their own," said IFC Judicial Committee Chair Sheldon Y. Chan '03. "But they really shouldn't be directed toward recruiting freshmen."

Chan said that the IFC is trying to respect MIT's Orientation program and dormitory rush. "It's really more of a time for getting the freshmen oriented," Chan said. "We don't want to overwhelm the freshman their first week here."

The IFC will not be patrolling member houses as in years past, but Chan said that if he learns of an event, it will be considered an advertised event and thus subject to

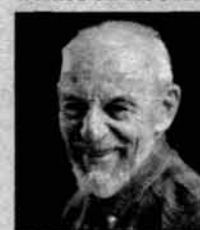
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Football continues to practice in preparation for the fall season. MIT's first home match will be on Saturday, Sept. 14 against Framingham State College.

## Martin Deutsch

Professor Emeritus of Physics Martin Deutsch '37, a pioneer in particle physics who fled encroaching fascism in Austria and worked on the Manhattan Project, died Aug. 16 at the age of 85.



The cause of death has not been determined, but he had recently suffered from heart problems.

Deutsch's most remarkable accomplishment was the discovery of positronium, a hydrogen-like atom without a nucleus, in 1951. He was only 34 years old at the time.

The particle's properties agreed with the quantum theory of electrodynamics for a two-particle system. Deutsch discovered two forms of positronium; the first decays by annihilation into two equal photons, while the second annihilates into three photons.

"It was a spectacular production on Martin's part," said Institute Professor Emeritus Francis E. Low, a colleague of Deutsch's on the

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# WORLD & NATION

## Saudi Man Sought by FBI Turns Himself in to Saudi Officials

THE WASHINGTON POST

AMMAN, JORDAN

A Saudi national who was identified last week in a worldwide alert issued by the FBI as a possible accomplice of the Sept. 11 hijackers has surrendered to Saudi officials, but his family has questioned whether he had any connection to the attacks.

Saudi government officials reached by phone Saturday night said they could not yet comment on the case but confirmed that the suspect, Saud Abdulaziz Saud al-Rasheed, 21, remained in detention and continued to be questioned.

At the urging of his family, al-Rasheed turned himself in to the Interior Ministry on Thursday in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, after an FBI bulletin, posted on the agency's Web site, said he "is suspected to be associated with the September 11, 2001 hijackers" and should be considered "armed and dangerous."

The bulletin, which was sent to law enforcement agencies worldwide, was unusual for publicly identifying an individual. The alert sought al-Rasheed's immediate arrest. His name had not previously surfaced in the Sept. 11 investigation.

The alert was prompted by the discovery of al-Rasheed's May 2000 passport photograph on a CD-ROM that also contained the photographs of some of the Sept. 11 hijackers. The photographs of al-Rasheed and the hijackers were similarly posted, suggesting to investigators that the CD-ROM was intended as some kind of archive of those involved in the attack.

## FBI Probe Turns to Senators

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The FBI has intensified its probe of a classified intelligence leak, asking 17 senators to turn over phone records, appointment calendars and schedules that would reveal their possible contact with reporters.

In an Aug. 7 memo passed to the senators through the Senate general counsel's office, the FBI asked all members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to collect and turn over records from June 18 and 19, 2002. Those dates are the day of and the day after a classified hearing in which the director of the National Security Agency, Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, spoke to lawmakers about two highly sensitive messages that hinted at an impending action that the agency intercepted on the eve of Sept. 11 but did not translate until Sept. 12.

The request suggests that the FBI is now focusing on the handful of senior senators who are members of a Senate-House panel investigating Sept. 11 and attend most classified meetings and read all the most sensitive intelligence agency communications. A similar request did not go to House intelligence committee members.

The request also represents a much more intrusive probe of lawmakers' activities, and comes at a time when some legal experts and members of Congress are already disgruntled that an executive branch agency, such as the FBI — headed by a political appointee — is probing the actions of legislators whose job it is to oversee FBI and intelligence agencies.

## Others Gain From Andersen's Woes

THE WASHINGTON POST

It might seem like the worst of times for accounting firms: Accounting scandals dominate the news. Congress last month passed a law to regulate auditors more strictly. Arthur Andersen LLP, convicted of a crime, has virtually disintegrated.

However, for the remaining big accounting firms, the business outlook may be rosy, industry officials say.

The collapse of Andersen, which was the nation's fifth-largest accounting firm, has created a windfall for Big Five survivors, which have taken on most of Andersen's former clients.

Furthermore, the parade of accounting horrors at companies such as Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc., Xerox Corp., and Qwest Communications International Inc. has sensitized corporate boards to the dangers of lax audits. As a result, companies have asked their auditors to do more work and are likely to go along with higher audit fees, auditing specialists say.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which Congress passed in July in response to the accounting scandals, limits the consulting work accounting firms can perform for companies they audit. But one big accounting firm's loss might be another's gain, industry analysts say.

## WEATHER

### Enjoy Rush Indoors and Out

By Sandra M. Chung

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This year's Rush weather will accommodate both indoor and outdoor events with pleasantly warm days and cooler nights. High and low temperatures continue to hover right around the averages for this time of year.

Saturday night rains will moisten the Sunday air. Clouds will darken the first morning of dormitory rush, moving on in time for a clear Sunday afternoon and evening. Light winds and sun will dominate until Tuesday, when the clouds return ahead of a front that will bring rain and possibly thunderstorms later in the week. Dormitories are advised to hold outdoor Jell-O wrestling events early in the week to avoid the premature liquification of pools of gelatin.

#### Extended Forecast

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# United States to Train Iraqis In Rhetoric Against Hussein

By Robin Wright

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has drawn up plans to escalate the war of words against Iraq this fall, with new campaigns to step up pressure on Baghdad and rally world opinion behind the U.S. drive to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

This week, the State Department will begin mobilizing Iraqis from across North America, Europe, and the Arab world, training them to appear on talk shows, write op-eds, and give speeches on reasons to end Hussein's rule, among other things.

"We're going to put them on the front line of winning the public hearts and minds. It's one thing for an American to get up and talk about regime change in Iraq. It's quite another thing when Iraqis do it," said one State Department official, who requested anonymity.

The program reflects the admin-

istration's increasing focus on making Iraqis key players in the quest to change both the leadership and the political system in Baghdad.

"We believe the principal engine for transforming Iraq is the Iraqi people, and, ultimately, we hope that they are going to be freeing themselves of Saddam's tyranny," Douglas Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, said in an interview aired Friday on Radio Sawa, a new U.S.-funded, Arabic-language station.

"The United States will perhaps be in a position to help that along, but the future that we see for Iraq is a future that would be based on the Iraqi people freeing themselves from the oppression that they are suffering," Feith said.

In contrast to other Middle East groups, Iraqi exiles have not mobilized in most communities where they have settled. That is an issue of increasing concern in Washington, which often appears to be going it

alone without much visible support from the estimated 300,000 Iraqis in the United States or the 4 million exiles worldwide.

"Iraqi Americans have been invisible, which is a product of Saddam's oppression. Iraqis have feared speaking out because of the harassment and intimidation of family and relatives back home," said Azam al Wash, a geologist from Long Beach, Calif., who was invited to the Aug. 27-30 training sessions in Washington. Al Wash left Iraq in 1978, when he was 20.

U.S. officials intend to be more visible after Labor Day in explaining U.S. objectives in Iraq in public appearances and overseas media, State Department officials said.

"It's no accident that we're torquing up the language. A decision was made this week by the Iraq public diplomacy group to do more," said one administration official.

# Researchers Question Severity Of Threat From West Nile Virus

By Robert Lee Hotz

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The symptoms of West Nile virus are like portents from a vintage Hitchcock film: There is the whine of mosquitoes. Crows fall dead from the sky; horses sicken.

Panic spreads and a tabloid fever grips the land. In Texas, the virus left its calling card for the first time when an infected grackle dropped dead last month near San Antonio. Within days, birds in Oklahoma and South Dakota started dying. This week, horses in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and New Mexico were stricken.

The virus — virtually unknown in the Western hemisphere three years ago — is poised to leap the barrier of the Rocky Mountains into California.

As the largest outbreak yet of West Nile Virus reaches its predicted peak during the next two weeks, medical authorities acknowledge that the disease is spreading more quickly than they expected. The virus has infected birds and mammals, including humans, in 37 states, nearly doubling its known territory this year.

Yet in the grand scheme of disease, West Nile virus may be a bit player.

Most people infected with the virus may never even realize they are ill. A mild infection may confer lifelong immunity, researchers said.

In areas of Africa where the disease is endemic, it is a mild childhood malady that almost never develops serious consequences, said Dr. Lyle Petersen, an infectious disease expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Indeed, public health officials in New York City, the epicenter of the first U.S. outbreak of West Nile virus in 1999, so far have reported only four cases of the disease this summer, suggesting that people are becoming acclimated to the disease.

As the national immune system adjusts, the virus may fall back into the obscurity of wildlife diseases, several public health experts said.

Just as thousands of tourists visiting the Channel Islands safely coexist with deer mice infected with the deadly hanta virus, so people may learn to live with the low risk of West Nile virus.

Backpackers in 15 states, mostly in the West, routinely risk contact with flea-infested animals harboring the bubonic plague or tularemia without worrying unduly about the handful of human cases reported every year.

If the virus behaves like related diseases such as St. Louis encephalitis and California encephalitis, which also are harbored in birds and transmitted by mosquitoes, it will fade into the sporadic background noise of public health.

Consider St. Louis encephalitis. The St. Louis variety has been common in the Midwest, with 128 cases reported nationally in an average year. It has been almost a generation since the last major human outbreak of the disease.

By that pattern, the next human outbreak of West Nile virus may not be nearly so severe or so widespread, CDC experts said. It could be a decade or more before the next notable outbreak occurs.

In fact, there were no major outbreaks of West Nile virus anywhere in the world between 1975 and the mid-1990s.

# FBI Agents Working Undercover With Security Forces in Pakistan

By Paul Watson and Josh Meyer

LOS ANGELES TIMES

KARACHI, PAKISTAN

On the front lines of a shadow war against terror in Pakistan, FBI agents are working undercover with local security forces who have a long history of human rights abuses.

The joint effort is cloaked in secrecy. The U.S. and Pakistani governments won't discuss exactly how many FBI agents are working in Pakistan, citing security concerns and the political fallout that President Pervez Musharraf could face.

Some Pakistani officials say privately that the number of FBI counterterrorism specialists in Pakistan is in the low hundreds. An FBI official, speaking in Washington on the condition of anonymity, confirmed that "between several dozen and a hundred" FBI agents are in Pakistan at any one time, working closely with local and federal police and intelligence officials.

Some human rights experts con-

tend that any FBI or other Americans involved in the arrest share criminal responsibility if the detainees are tortured or mistreated later.

Pakistan, according to the FBI official and other U.S. law enforcement authorities, has become one of the most important — and active — beachheads in the bureau's anti-terrorism effort. But it is also among the most sensitive given the country's strong undercurrent of Islamic extremism and anti-Americanism.

The FBI's precise activities are unclear. Officially, around a dozen agents are providing "technical assistance," including sharing information on terrorist groups and training Pakistani police to track down and apprehend Islamic militants. Other agents are working with Pakistani police in old-fashioned "search and arrest" dragnets.

There have been some high-profile successes in the cooperative effort, including the capture of a top al-Qaida leader, Abu Zubeida, and

some of his lieutenants in March at a fortified safe house in Faisalabad, and the identification of suspected "dirty bomber" Jose Padilla.

But there is mounting suspicion in Pakistan that U.S. investigators, believed to be from the FBI or CIA, are involved in the pursuit and arrest of people who have then disappeared, or quietly been deported, as Musharraf's government tries to control Islamic extremists.

In interviews, relatives of terror suspects have described groups of two to four foreigners participating in Pakistani police raids, usually as silent observers who closely monitor searches.

FBI officials, as well as a senior Pakistani military officer involved in the anti-terrorism effort, confirmed that agents have gone on many such raids while dressed in local garb so as to not attract attention. Those agents, said one FBI official, are acting in an advisory capacity only.



# Karzai Signs Law Easing Fears For Potential Afghan Investors

By Chris Kraul

LOS ANGELES TIMES

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

President Hamid Karzai signed a long-awaited investment law Saturday that may finally unclog the flow of much-needed private capital into this war-ravaged nation.

The law takes effect immediately and calls for the establishment of a federal investment commission to assist foreign and domestic investors, award permits and licenses, and channel money into areas where it is needed most, presidential spokesman Said Fazel Akbar said.

Economists and government officials maintain that private funds are just as essential as foreign aid to finance Afghanistan's reconstruction and get this country, one of the world's poorest and most chaotic, back on its feet. More than 20 years of warfare have left its economy and basic services shattered.

Hundreds of investors, including many naturalized Afghan

Americans, have come to pitch business projects to local authorities since an uneasy peace settled over the country late last year. Those proposals include projects involving tourism, telecommunications, and real estate.

But the absence of a legal framework governing investor and property rights has made many potential investors wary of committing to multimillion-dollar deals, according to some who asked not to be named. As a result, very little private money has been committed, and few projects have been started.

A draft of the investment law had been completed for some time. But as recently as 10 days ago, federal officials were saying they would need several more weeks to finish further revisions in a joint effort with a German team of governance advisers. But the government reportedly decided to get the law on the books now rather than risk the loss of projects put forth by increasingly impatient investors.

Karzai's signature could also signal Afghanistan's desire to demonstrate it is making progress in the reconstruction effort.

Officials in the Karzai administration have expressed disappointment that some nations have failed to live up to pledges made in Tokyo earlier this year to provide \$1.8 billion in 2002 aid. To date, only \$600 million has been handed over.

In addition, much of the aid that has been delivered has been diverted away from reconstruction and into relief efforts, as the country struggles to cope with a flood of returning refugees. That influx is expected to total 2 million this year, or two-thirds more than relief agencies expected.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich.) heading an 11-member U.S. legislative delegation that stopped here in the capital Saturday, hailed the investment law as an important step in the Karzai interim government's efforts to bolster security and economic development.

## Dept. of Justice Criticizes Ruling Issued by Secret Intelligence Court

By Josh Meyer and Elizabeth Shogren

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

A senior Justice Department official said Friday that a ruling by a secretive federal court that scales back the department's efforts to share intelligence information with FBI agents has hurt the ability of law enforcement to protect U.S. citizens from ongoing terrorist plots.

The confidential May ruling by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court — made public Thursday — has had an unseen but significant impact on the nation's war on terrorism, the official said during a Justice Department briefing on the status of the investigation into the Sept. 11 attacks and other terrorism-related matters. Also Friday, the Justice Department released its appeal of the ruling, which it filed late Thursday.

Several Democratic lawmakers praised the FISA court, as it is known, saying its ruling was instrumental in protecting the civil rights of Americans from undue spying by a Justice Department that has become overly aggressive in its self-declared war on terrorism.

Justice Department officials

vehemently disagreed and warned that unless the court ruling is overturned, they will be hamstrung in their efforts to enact important counter-terrorism measures included in the USA PATRIOT Act passed last year by Congress.

Of particular concern, according to the senior official and others in the Justice Department, is the FISA court's order that federal prosecutors, FBI agents, and intelligence operatives keep intact a wall between those investigating ongoing criminal activity and those gathering intelligence on potential terrorist attacks and acts of espionage.

In effect, the court's ruling means "that in order to bring a [criminal] case against someone, we have to shut down intelligence channels and we're going to be blind" as to what suspected terrorists are doing, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Or it's the reverse, that in order to keep seeing what's going on, we'll have to kind of sit with our hands tied and let people run around and do bad things. So I do think it has impeded our ability to get closer coordination."

"I think we are better than we

were prior to Sept. 11" in terms of ferreting out terrorist plots and stopping them, the official added. "But we are not where we could be and where the American people have a right to expect we will be if the law is fully deployed in the way that we want."

The looming legal battle over the FISA ruling underscores the debate about how far the FBI and the Justice Department should be able to go in gathering intelligence in the fight against terrorism.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 was passed in response to the Nixon administration's abuse of its intelligence-gathering powers to spy on its political enemies. It was intended to distinguish between the government's efforts to battle crime at home and its need to gather intelligence on suspected foreign agents. Warrants to allow such searches required approval of the FISA court.

In the mid-1990s, then-Attorney General Janet Reno erected a firewall between intelligence-gathering investigations and criminal probes to prevent agents from overstepping their authority because the warrants are so secretive and the methods of investigation so invasive.

## At Sustainable Development Summit, Africans Criticize Western Subsidies

By Samson Mulugeta

NEWSDAY

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

With a large tract of rolling farmland, a hired tractor and sacks of corn seed, Zambian farmer Alexandrina Wonani is exceptional in a nation where thousands of poor farmers live hand-to-mouth.

For African governments, fledgling large-scale farmers such as Wonani are key to becoming self-sufficient in food and breaking the cycles of droughts and famine that plague the continent.

But their success depends partly on decisions made in Washington, D.C., and in Brussels, Belgium, seat of the European Union. Farmers in developing nations not only have to battle drought and floods, but also the fat budgets of Western countries that subsidize their farmers to the tune of \$1 billion a day.

As the World Summit on Sustainable Development begins in Johannesburg Sunday, delegations are expected to debate sharply the

link between rich nations' agricultural subsidies and developing countries' food shortages.

"We want an even playing field," said Peter Rammatula, president of South Africa's main farmers union, who hopes to lobby U.S. officials during the summit. "How can a farmer in Africa compete against the deep pockets of the U.S. government?"

More than 100 heads of state are expected at the summit, scheduled to run through Sept. 4, but President Bush will not be among them. Recalling the Earth Summit a decade ago in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where Bush's father was criticized by environmentalists, conservatives urged the president to stay away. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Christie Whitman, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will represent the United States.

Various governments and activist groups have vowed to bring up the issue of farm subsidies. As Western countries — and their pow-

erful surrogates, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund — preach globalization and press developing countries to open their markets, the rich nations' refusal to curtail farm subsidies has left them open to charges of double standard and hypocrisy.

"The only way Africans can ultimately become food sufficient is if they rely on large-scale commercial farming mixed in with small-scale farming," said Randolph Clark, who retired recently as an agricultural consultant in Africa for the World Bank. "But the way the system works now, there is no way African commercial farmers can compete with Western farmers who are heavily subsidized."

U.S., European, and Japanese farmers get billions of dollars in farm subsidies, and then dump their crops in the world market where it depresses the prices of crops produced in poor countries, said Per Pinstrup-Andersen, director of the International Food Policy Research Institute, a D.C. think tank.

## Party Operatives Form Groups To Continue Soft Money Flow

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Some of the biggest names in Republican and Democratic circles are establishing new groups to collect and spend the unlimited political donations that were supposed to be curbed by the recent campaign finance law.

White House political operatives, high-profile lobbyists, former aides to President Clinton and staffers at the Democratic and Republican senatorial campaign committees are setting up tax-exempt organizations to raise and spend "soft money." That refers to large sums collected from corporations, unions, trade groups and individuals outside of the normal limits on donations to federal campaigns.

## Growing Deficit Not an Issue In Current Races

THE WASHINGTON POST

Iowa Democrat Ann Hutchinson figured she had the perfect theme for her uphill campaign to unseat House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle. The mayor of Bettendorf had taken over that troubled Mississippi River town and turned its finances around, while Nussle watched in Washington as record federal budget surpluses turned suddenly into burgeoning deficits.

But then scandal-scarred Tyco International Ltd. decided to shut down two plants in the congressional district, and Hutchinson's campaign pivoted from budgets to corporate accountability. Jobs and the economy jumped to the fore, followed by such Democratic staples as Social Security and prescription drug coverage for seniors.

The Hutchinson campaign's decision illustrates a significant feature of the midterm elections of 2002. On Tuesday, the Congressional Budget Office will release its midyear portrait of the government's fiscal health, officially declaring the budget in triple-digit deficit, probably through 2004, the most dramatic turnabout in the nation's fiscal fortunes since World War II. Yet neither party has been able to make political hay out of the return to red ink.

"Deficits have never been a good issue," said Lea Anne McBride, the National Republican Congressional Committee's press secretary. "I have absolutely zero concern about that."

## Indiana University Officials Won't Follow Party Line

THE WASHINGTON POST

The chant "We're Number 1!" is a staple at school gymnasium and ball fields as opposing teams square off in sports.

But being No. 1 is not always a good thing. Officials at Indiana University's Bloomington campus were none too happy with the school's designation as the nation's No. 1 party school, according to a survey by the Princeton Review.

IU President Myles Brand and Chancellor Sharon Brehm, in a letter to the Review, said they were "profoundly disturbed" and took "great exception" to the ranking.

"We join with the American Medical Association in its recent call to your company to stop publishing such an annual ranking because it ignores the risk of heavy drinking and promotes a distorted view of college life," the letter said. "Frankly, if any student bases his/her decision about Indiana University Bloomington on alcohol availability, that student will be sadly disappointed. We have never been more aggressive in enforcing our university's strict alcohol policies."

The annual listing is compiled from an unscientific survey of 100,000 students at 345 colleges. Schools are ranked in 63 categories, including least religious students and best dorms, based on 70 questions students voluntarily answer online or during campus visits. An average of 300 students responded per campus.

Clemson University, the University of Alabama, Penn State University and the University of Florida rounded out the top five party schools.

## Adelina Domingues, Oldest American, Dies at 114

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO

Adelina Domingues, considered the oldest person in the United States by the Guinness Book of World Records, has died. She was 114.

Domingues died of congestive heart failure Wednesday afternoon at a San Diego-area nursing home, family members said.

A naturalized citizen of fiercely independent temperament and deep religious faith, she outlived her sea captain husband and four children and carried on a correspondence with Ronald Reagan while he was president.

"She believed in the American dream," said grandson Stephen Domingues. "If you gave her a microphone or an audience, she was ready to go."

Born in 1888 in modest circumstances on the Cape Verde Islands off West Africa, Domingues attributed her longevity to her daily regimen of eating vegetables and beans and her lifelong avoidance of alcohol and tobacco.

"She also thought she lived longer because she never played cards or went to a beauty parlor," said Bob Silva, a Palm Desert artist and friend of Domingues. "She was very proud of that."

She did missionary work for the Church of the Nazarene in Africa and the Cape Verde Islands and was a vigorous street-corner preacher during her years in Boston and New Bedford, Mass. She occasionally sailed with her husband, Jose, on his voyages as the captain of merchant ships. He died of cancer in 1950.

On her 100th birthday, in heavily accented English, Domingues lectured a public gathering that too many Americans take freedom for granted.



# OPINION

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Welcome to MIT, members of the Class of 2006.

You've been showered with flyers, pencils, pamphlets, and other paraphernalia since your arrival on campus. From now on, you will find yourself pulled in all directions, and your greatest challenge during your time here will be to strike the optimal balance between classes, activities, friends, and family.

### Editorial

Here are some things that are too important to miss.

It starts today. In the midst of all the ceremonies, forums, and Athena minicourses, don't forget that dormitory rush kicks off tonight with the residence midway. Since Rush has been completely revamped this year, nobody really knows what it will be like. But you should make the most of what's left of it.

Though you now have the option to remain in your current housing, don't just sit around complacently. Participate in dormitory rush. There's only so much you can learn about a dormitory from a CD-ROM; this is your chance to see the real thing. You may discover that you like your current assignment — or maybe not.

Even if you've already decided where you're going to live, rush is an excellent way to meet new people. Remember that you have the opportunity to meet the residents of each house, tour the facilities, and decide where you want to live. Rush is an experience you should take advantage of.

When the academic term starts, you'll have another rare

opportunity: Pass/No Record grading. Unlike previous classes, you only get it for one semester. Take that semester to learn how hard you have to work to do well. Don't be afraid to ask for help from classmates and tutors.

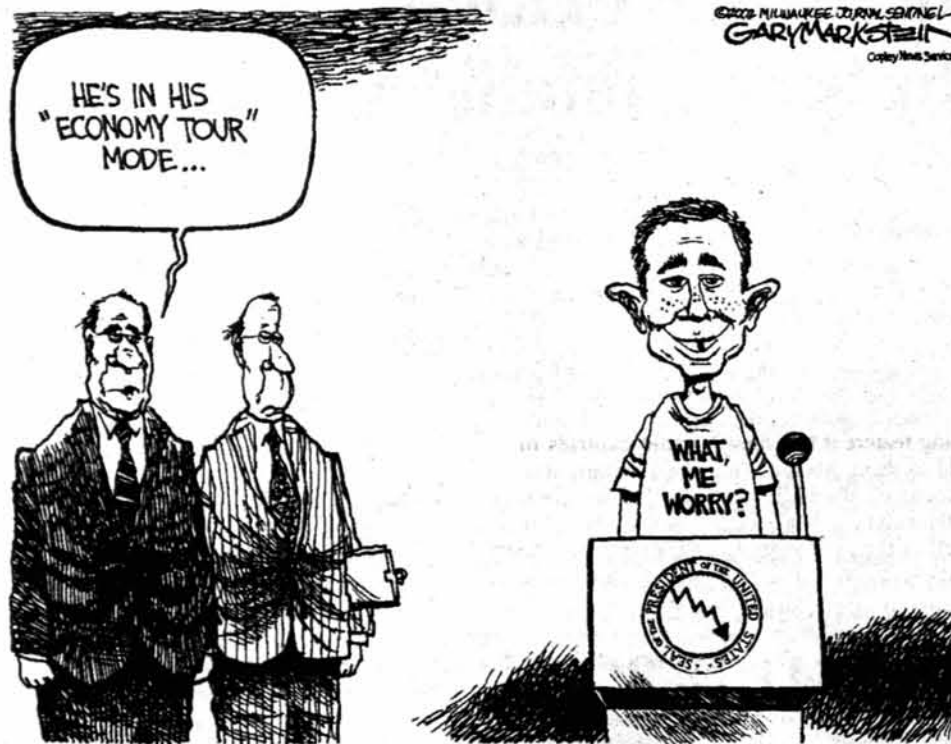
With that in mind, remember to have fun. MIT offers a plethora of sports and student activities. Try them out now, before you have grades to worry about. Go sailing. Go ice skating. Go to concerts. Audition for a musical group. Hack. The best parts of MIT take digging to uncover.

Take the time to get to know the city. You are living in a cultural mecca, with one of the most photographed skylines in the Northeast. As an MIT student, you can visit the Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra free of charge, and you can get discounts at many other local tourist attractions. Greater Boston teems with things to do, and it would be a shame if you spent all four years without ever crossing Vassar Street or the Charles River.

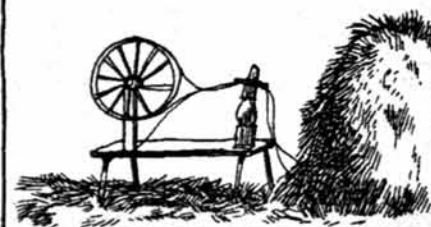
Stay in touch with the world outside of the Institute. It's easy to get trapped in a bubble and forget about life away from problem sets and Athena clusters. Spend time off campus. Make friends outside of MIT. Call home. Keep in touch with your high school friends.

Take care of yourself. In the crush of new experiences and classes it's easy to lose track of your own well-being. You might not be able to preserve your sleep schedule or eating habits, but do preserve your sanity.

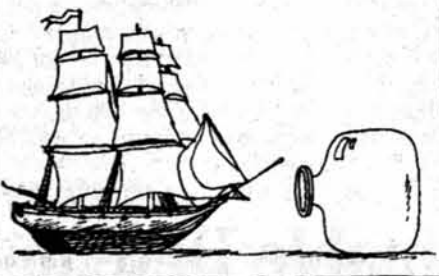
Once again, welcome to MIT. Enjoy the adventure.



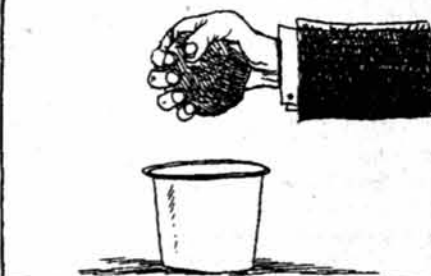
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# MIT Specimens

## Which Mold Do You Fit?

Devdoot Majumdar

Dear Freshmen,

If you will, allow me to typify each and every one of you while this temporary period of saccharine and smiles called pseudo-rush lasts. Whereas it's quite possible that you are an individual, and that a certain Dean Jones would agree with you on that, for the time being, it's fairly certain that you fit some mold quite comfortably.

First among you, and without doubt most prominently among you, you will find the flirtatious, sometimes bodacious, soon-to-be-sororitized. In some sense, these are per-

haps the most socially skillful folks you'll ever meet at MIT. They're the first at the rooftop parties with the plastic Solo glass in their hands. In fact, they're probably the first ones to ask you if you're going to the rooftop party in the first place.

Sista Sally, as we'll call this fine specimen of MIT life, is a born nonconformist. She probably was the first woman to do something or another, and you can bet that she put that in her college admission essay. What always made her special though is that she has a little nerd in her, bottled up somewhere. But she's very Princetonian about it, and unless you happen to be in class with her, you'll have to be content knowing more about her romantic life than her academic life.

Moving on, and to be gender fair here, we have the sea of boys who are good at nodding and being profoundly nondescript. Perhaps the only defining feature is that they all have something odd to them. Maybe it's a twitch every eight seconds. Maybe it's a speech impediment. Or maybe it's a penchant to refer to himself in the third person. In any case, you quickly overcome such

superficialities should you be socially ambitious enough with Maestro Wisconsin.

There's no question that he's an absolute genius, and a hard worker at that, but if you do end up coming face to face with Wisconsin, be prepared to talk about the weather, what state you're from, and of course, your intended major.

Next are the Harvard rejects *especial*. These are the folks, male and female, that had wet dreams involving John Harvard in their more formative years. Without doubt, they need an audience, and so explains their fond recollections of Model United Nations, Debate Club, and the like. They'll probably spend the next four years searching unsuccessfully for a niche, and finally realizing that they're not at Harvard.

Oftentimes, our uppity Tracy Flicks of the world will be found at office hours, multicolored writing implements in hand. And should you ever be sadistic enough to want to see a nervous breakdown, be sure to become good friends with Tracy. It should only take about a year or two.

Continuing on the narrow spectrum of MIT types, it is impossible to ignore the boisterous unpleasantries of the fraternity-designated. Whereas they might have to live in West Campus for a year, their hearts are at the communal showers that line Boylston St. and Commonwealth Ave. Undoubtedly

Abercrombie, these are the guys who go to parties to get their geekiness "freaked on." Because of course, we're still talking MIT here.

So, when you little vixens are sitting out there and Urination Station heads your way, do me a favor and ask him how many cups of lard he used to get his hair that way.

Now, to fully capture MIT, one must do as much justice to East Campus, as one does to the West. And among your freshmen cornucopia, you might find one or two ungainly odorific people who remind you of none other than the comic book salesman from "The Simpsons," exposed belly button included.

He can probably tell you everything there is to know about every character from Captain Kirk to Boba Fett, and undoubtedly was disappointed at the advent of midichlorions. In fact, he'll probably dress up as an elf at the epic premiere of the next "Lord of the Rings" film. But entertainment aside, should you ever encounter him at an Athena cluster, as long as you can excuse his sass-master persona, he will do things to your ".login" that no ordinary man can fathom.

Finally, you have the disoriented artist. Unfortunately, the Freshman Arts Program will be his or her best experience at MIT for the next four years. Over Orientation, these folks will have the hardest time smiling back at you, because frankly, you can't write, paint, take pictures, or play an instrument. That's right, you belong at MIT!

So, my little freshmen, enjoy your weeks of artifice and codependency. I hope I have helped you hone your discriminatory skills just a wee bit more.

And despair not, as you slowly begin to realize that all the friends that you make in the next few weeks will be your shortest lasting!

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# Embrace the Entropy

Philip Burrowes

If asked to imagine what life must be like at a technical institute, one might envision an austere campus populated by a pragmatic student body and oppressively didactic faculty. That so much of the Institute is baroque, irrational, or laissez-faire is no doubt a surprise to any new denizen but nonetheless bewildering to veteran inhabitants. There is often a method to MIT's madness, however, when one pays close enough attention. It's all intuitively obvious.

MIT's most well-known eccentricity is probably its penchant for numerical naming systems. Buildings, classes, and (to a lesser extent) people all have numbers that supersede their merely alphabetical assignments. Such an obtuse setup may seem like a natural design for a bunch of technicians and scientists. Outsiders — i.e. the unworthy — can't get past the steep learning curve, misanthropic empiricists get to cut down on their verbal discourse, and it just makes everything more orderly.

None of those provisions are actually fulfilled by the prevalence of numbers on campus, however. Students are still self-abnegating, verbose, and disorderly. More importantly, most of them don't know nearly as much as they think they do. The Killian Court/Mass Ave./railroad/Ames St.-based building numbering system is often eschewed for rote memorization and, clearly, for good reason. Comprehension of course catalogs is often contained only within the majors themselves, especially in the smaller departments. ID numbers are rarely used in conversation, as interesting as that might seem.

To underscore how unheralded purely numerical order is, one need look no further than the fractured MIT library system. Not only are they often in an arbitrary location, but they don't operate under the greatest numerical system of all, the Dewey Decimal System. Freshman (and immature grad stu-

dents) looking forward to a vast selection of 741.15 in the Humanities Library — both ironically and incongruously above the Science Library — will be sorely disappointed. Melvil Dewey, however, simply doesn't exactly hold sway outside your local library, and while it may be a shock to the uninitiated, experience here will help you in the cavernous hallways of Widener, or the slightly smaller Library of Congress.

Order once maintained by Aramark has been dismantled. Like AT&T before it, Aramark has been allowed to retain one jewel for its crown — Refresher Course — while the Baby Bells such as Walker crawl into the clutches of regional monopolists that ultimately branch out in a twisted attempt to emulate their corporate predecessors. Or something. In any case there are a half dozen eateries past Mass Ave. that have been localized, perhaps for good reason. Given the campus' geographic dispersion, first-years and No-Really-It's-My-Last-Years alike could find themselves outside the range of Burger King at any time. Do not fear the relatively modest decor of the Dome or East-side's eclectic panoply of patrons; the food's different and you may even find a place to sit.

Why more people don't already do this considering the Student Center isn't actually a center of much is almost inexplicable (and worthy of longer discussion). Aside from the Athena cluster, the adjunct (in more ways than one) SIPB office, LaVerde's, the PSC, the CAC, a bank, a post office, salons, La Sala, 20 Chimney's, *The Thistle*, Virtual

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Tennis, and some student organizations that we're "all" a part of, there's not much worth noting. Even the reading room, as sacred as it has been viewed in years past, is underused. No, wait, the lobby has two empty spaces just waiting for stores that will fail; that explains it.

Finally, the most absurd sign of the Institute's idiosyncratic order lies within OS tastes the geeks of EECS. Although it is true that many a 'Sixer spends more time keeping up with the latest GTK APIs than AI, there are also those more interested in Paul Allen than Allen Iverson (and not because of the Blazers). Yes, somehow CS majors often use Windows, and not because they've made an educated choice, but because they're too dumb to figure anything else out. Don't come crying to The Rest of Us when you're writing a paper on your PC and it's like beep'x, and then, like, half of your paper is gone. In the end, however, unintelligent decisions such as that will benefit the intelligent. Their money indirectly funds LCS's new home: the William H. Gates Building (opening November 32nd).

So campus isn't brimming with trees, the pupils can be more boring than the professors, and orange juice costs more depending on where you go. More importantly, this is a fine establishment of higher education in a myriad of fields. Just as long as you don't intend to go into library sciences, that is. That was Course XIX until, well, you (ID# 234314458) can read more about in Z675.T3.R4. (available from 14S-200).

# Coming Through The Rye

Roy K. Esaki

Innocence — an imaginary i in the harsh world of reality — is too often a rarity, to be found ephemerally in toddlers in sandboxes and quaint Austrian villages. And, perhaps, in bright-eyed and bushy-tailed first-years. To comment on the innocence of freshmen may seem a bit patronizing, but it illustrates a lamentable mentality that equates innocence with naïveté, more than with with a sense of enviable idealism.

A passage from *The Little Prince*, where the innocent protagonist laments a coldly impersonal world, seems appropriate to those who will grapple with the Institutional *volksgeist*: "Grown-ups like numbers," the Little Prince sighs. "When you tell them about a new friend, they never ask questions about what really matters. They never ask: 'What does his voice sound like?' 'What games does he like best?' 'Does he collect butterflies?' They ask: 'How old is he?' 'How many brothers does he have?' 'How much does he weigh?' 'How much money does his father make?' Only then do they think they know him."

The younguns will too quickly acclimate to numerical shop talk and will soon be greeting people with questions of majors and course numbers. The older fogies start comparing salaries and signing bonuses. That is the way things are done, and these are matters that must be considered; to expect otherwise is naïve.

But in becoming aware of reality, people seem to inevitably lose their innocence. If innocence is the absence of guilt or wrongdoing, what transgressions have the Pragmatists committed? When idealism is overwhelmed, it is often replaced with cynicism and weariness, which end up actively hindering the pursuit of the original ideals. Worse yet, tacit, if not active, approval of the status quo sets in; consider the prototypical process by which the long-haired radicals of the 70s became a most conservative neo-Establishment. If the ignorance of the innocent is a misdemeanor, the support of an unideal status quo is a felony.

Of course, the whole consideration of innocence may be a bit dated, when taking into account innocence of a more childlike form; if there is no original sin, contemporary society corrupts soon thereafter.

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Unmentionables are not only mentioned but shouted across playgrounds, babies are dolled up by adolescent parents, and what used to be scandalous behavior for adults have become common rites of passage for junior high students. Kids rebuckling their knickerbockers below the knee, and memorizing jokes from Cap'n Billy's Whiz-Bang. Some may consider this view of innocence as a pristine pleasantness to be old-fashioned prudishness; perhaps it is. But it is unfortunate that that time of unmuddled drawers is quickly disappearing, for it is possible that in growing up to quickly, one fails to do so at all.

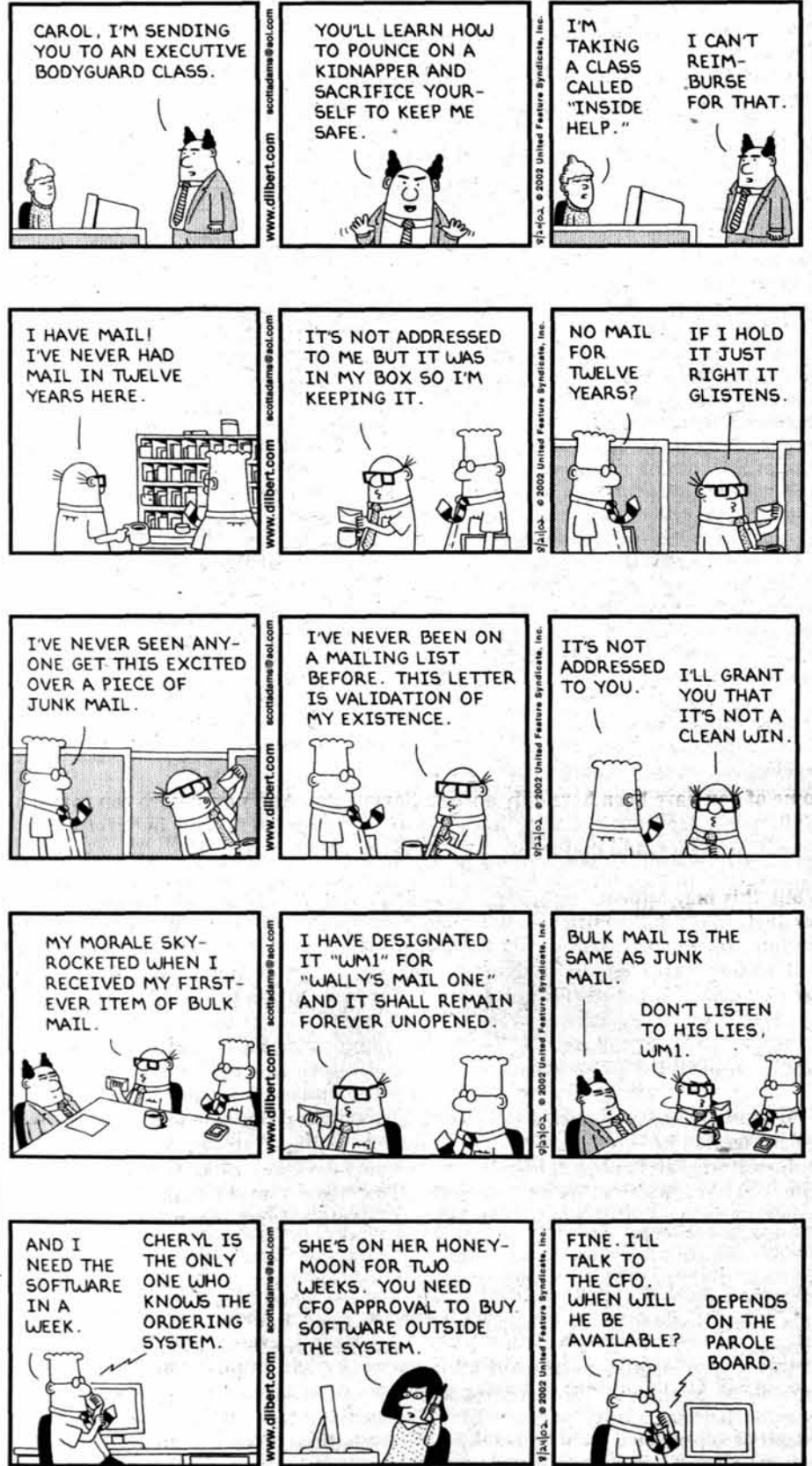
Innocence is fleeting because it is a smiling child against a legion of battle-scarred soldiers. At every stage of life, there are the uninitiated neophytes and the hardened veterans. The latter have fortified positions, greatly outnumber the former, and offer promises of victory to potential defectors. To survive on the field, Innocence must don the fatigues of pragmatism and grow up. But the ideals remind us what the good fight is for; and when the war is over, we can return to our quaint villages to till our land and bake our bread, and the world will be a better place for the next generation.



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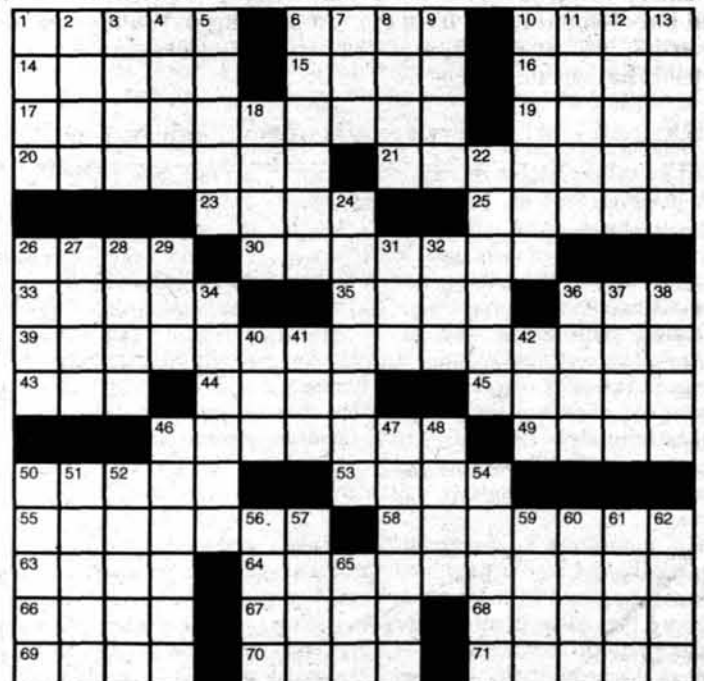
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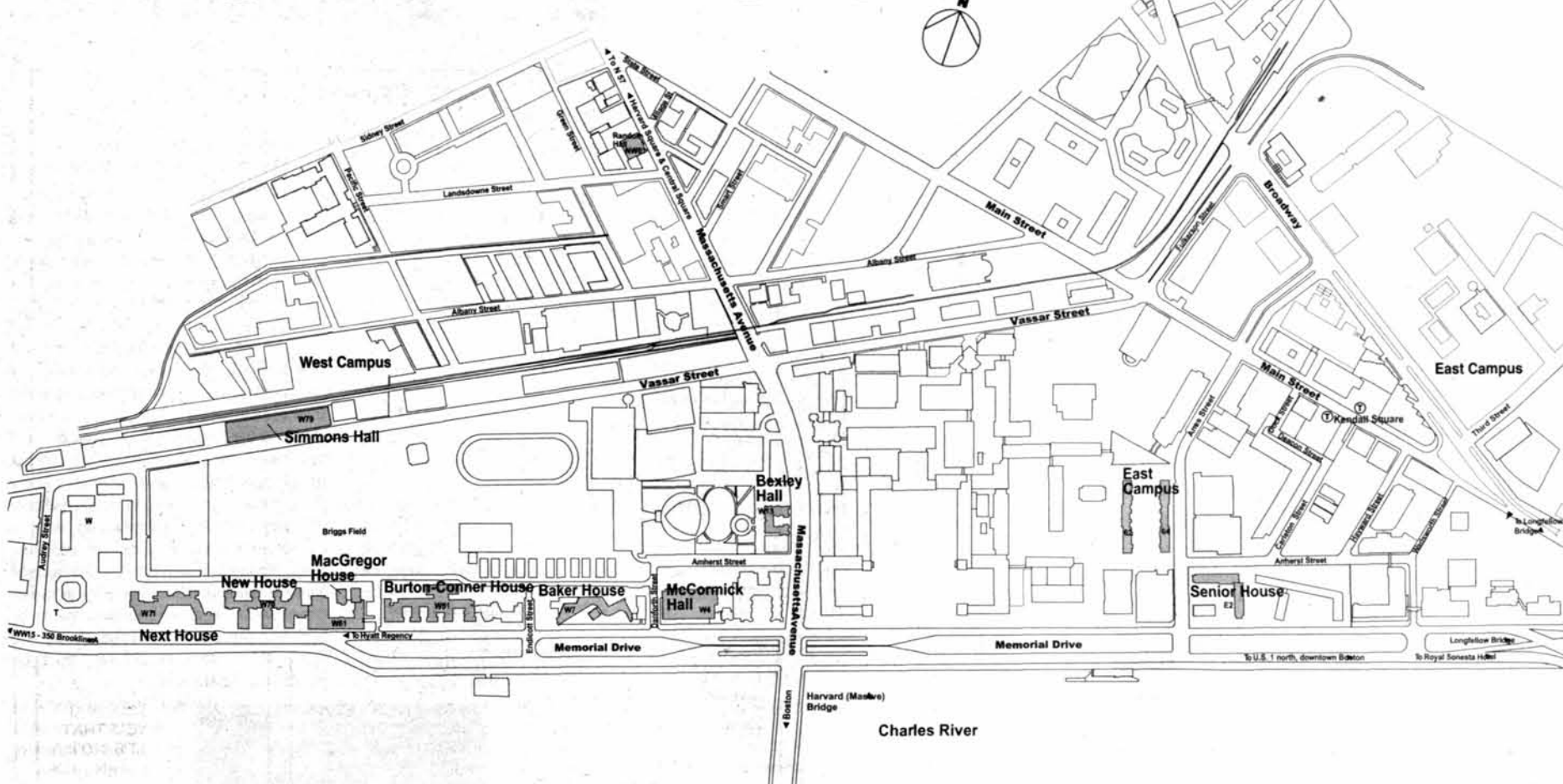
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# Guide to Dormitories



Some of you have been here only a week. Some a day. And now before you comes a challenging decision: the selection of your living quarters, and indirectly your friends, activities, and major interests for the next four years.

While this may appear confusing, and will probably end up tormenting, remember this: many universities assign dormitory rooms and roommates entirely at random, more often than not keeping freshmen segregated from the rest of the student body. MIT lets its students choose. For better or worse, we have created our own communities at this university, and it is up to you to choose which one to join and eventually shape through your own presence. It is inefficient, troublesome, and tiring for all parties, but it is an important liberty that supercedes the burdens it places upon all of us.

In hopes to alleviate some of the confusion, we offer you this guide. Inside the pullout section is *The Tech's Daily Confusion*, a listing of all the events sponsored by dormitories and cultural houses over the next few days. In addition, we include a small reference guide. We also present a short history on the rush that once was. Upperclassmen will be more than eager to explain further what you will and won't miss.

There's no ideal way to determine the best pick. We can only offer a few tips. Be certain to explore your options. Don't make a decision about any place based on hearsay or assumptions. Seeing a place for yourself, even if you're certain you wouldn't want to live there, will either change your mind or help you better understand what you want in a living group.

The other thing you should do is take a deep breath and relax. While you may feel as angst-ridden in your quest as Indiana Jones did in his (especially when asked by the Blue Knight to "choose wisely," lest he endure a painful clay-mation-style metamorphosis), just remember that nothing is permanent. Living in one place need not disconnect you from the rest of campus. You'll get to make more friends at parties, in your classes, at your extra-curriculars, and in your UROP. It's a big decision, but not that big.

So eat, drink, and be merry. For next week will bring school work.

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Bexley	50 Mass. Ave.	253-3861	None
Burton-Conner	410 Mem. Dr.	253-3261	www.mit.edu/~burton-conner/
East Campus	3 Ames St.	253-2871	ec.mit.edu
MacGregor	450 Mem. Dr.	253-1461	www.mit.edu/~macgregor
McCormick	320 Mem. Dr.	253-5961	www.mit.edu/~mccormick
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Russian House	New House 1	258-6369	www.mit.edu/~dom
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## Viewpoint

*The Tech:* Why did you decide to move into Simmons Hall?

"I moved to Simmons because it's a new dorm. A lot of the support staff that I've encountered have moved there."

—Joey N. Plum '03

*The Tech:* What do you like about the dormitory in which you live?

"It's nice to have a single, and I like having a convenience store in my dorm. The people in my entry, G Entry, are really nice people. That's why I keep coming back."

—Adam J. Oliner '04, MacGregor Hall

"I'm from the Ukraine so I can speak my own language. I like the people here...they are friendly. We have great dinners here."

—Pavlo M. Pylyavskyy '03, New House (Russian House)

"I like New House because there is a strong sense of community. It's been my home for years, and it's very diverse. It's the best fit for me."

—Miquela C. Vigil '03, New House (House 2)

"I like Baker because all of the people here are very special. There's also something about the architecture of the dorm. I think that having a dining hall within the dorm is a great way for people from Baker to socialize with each other."

—Lilly Kam '04, Baker House

"There's a strong sense of community on the floor, and people are pretty social and helpful. The facilities are pretty good. The rooms are spacious, and it's close to campus."

—Jennifer W. Lin '05, McCormick Hall

"You get to live in an environment that you can call your own and make your own. We are the counterexample of what makes a dorm look like a hospital. The people are creative and independent. They are very earnest and for the most part do not spend

their time in front of the television. Instead, they like to be doing something. If you want to live here, you should look past the superficial amenities. We have a working darkroom, an electrical engineering lab, and two working grand pianos."

—Mateusz K. Malinowski '04, East Campus

"I like [Senior House] because its very laid back. People are pretty much into letting each other do their own thing. People are pretty tolerant about what everyone else does. Steer Roast rocks! We have a lot of fun here. We have a fair number of parties."

—Maitland M. Lederer '03, Senior House

"There's a great sense of community. We're all friends here. Everybody has a sense of joyful insanity. We are surreal people who do strange and weird things such as putting our bathrooms up on the Internet."

—Morgan Copeland '05, Random Hall

"We are close to Star Market so we do not have to carry groceries that far. We can also buy lots of bouncy balls for 50 cents. I also like that we are the closest dorm to Central Square. Laundry is the cheapest here since it costs 25 cents to wash and 25 cents to dry, and [the laundry machines] are up on the Internet. We have wireless access to computers throughout the dorm, including inside the bathroom. Random is the smallest dorm on campus, and there are no more than two people per room. We can always recognize people around the dorm."

—Molly S. Peebles '05, Random Hall

"I feel like you have more opportunities to express yourself with your room. You can paint and put more additions onto the basement. It's more like you are living in an apartment. You can go out and be social or you can stay inside and do your own thing."

—Julee Y. Hong '03, Bexley Hall

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# A Message from the Dormitory Council

*The following is an open letter to the MIT community.*

To the Class of 2006:

We of the Dormitory Council (Dormcon), representing the entire dorm community, would like to welcome you to MIT and use this space to explain the significance of residence selection, or dorm rush as we call it. As all of you will be living in dorms for the next year, we want to ensure that you have the opportunity to fully explore all the residences, in person, before expressing your

final preferences. From now until Tuesday evening, we encourage you to take the time to visit the dorms, meet the upperclassmen, and find the communities where you would most like to live.

Over this period, all the dorms will be hosting a variety of events. For a full listing, take a look at the *Daily Confusion* in this pullout section. Even if there is nothing scheduled, you are still welcome to visit the dorms, take a tour, and meet the residents. The First Year Guide and I3 video were meant to be introductions to the residence system; now is your chance to make a more well-informed decision about where you want to live permanently. Whether you choose to stay in your current dorm or would rather move elsewhere, you should enter the Adjustment Lottery at <http://web.mit.edu/housinglottery> by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Don't be hesitant to change dorms — moving vans will transport your things for you, and each dorm will have upperclassmen ready to help you get settled in.

Prior to this year, dorm and FSILG rush took place over three full days. In scheduling this year's Orientation, this period was dropped because there is no FSILG rush. However, this decision ignored the fact that the rush period is when freshmen get to know each other, the rest of the student body, and the MIT culture. But most importantly, this is the time when freshmen get to learn about the dormitory communities. not to mention learning about the dormitory communities. Unfortunately, we feel that the time designated for dorm rush is inadequate for you to explore campus and become acquainted with the dorm communities. As a result, Dormcon will not limit the times at which dorms can hold events—even if they conflict with other scheduled Orientation sessions.

All events, whether held by Orientation or the dorms, are for your benefit, and you alone can decide how to make the most of the experience. For most of you, the dorm you select will become your home for the next four years. Being able to choose your dorm is the best aspect of our system. We are glad to have done it ourselves in years past, and we look forward to seeing you all over the next few days.

Signed,  
The Dormitory Council

## Rush in the Days of Old: Upperclassmen Look Back

By Brian Loux  
NEWS EDITOR

No doubt members of the Class of 2006 will find it hard to imagine a week more confusing and hectic than Orientation. But with the first absence of an official off-campus rush during orientation week, upperclassmen will remind them time and again how chaotic and fantastic R/O week once was.

Presented here is a history from Rush's humble beginnings to its last stand, as told by historical records and upperclassmen who lived to tell the tale.

### Rush once mandatory

MIT initially began as a university in Back Bay, near Boston Common. A plaque next to a Bath & Body Works store commemorates the place where MIT's prototype of the infinite corridor once stood. For housing, MIT relied on fraternities to shelter the almost entirely male student body.

However, in 1917, the Institute moved across the Charles river onto what was once just muddy swampland. Dorm construction quickly began, with what are now known as the East Campus buildings completed

a mere 13 years later. Females were housed using various short term solutions until the completion of McCormick's West Tower in 1963. Until the late sixties, fraternity rush was a week-long event that occurred before orientation. Most of the male students arrived early for this event. Males also had the opportunity to select a dormitory over the summer, but dormitories were unable to participate in rush.

In 1968, the largest transformation of rush took place, where rush became an activity that took place during Orientation week with both fraternities and dormitories competing for students. Once freshmen had arrived on campus, they were allowed to change their dormitory

Killian [Court] and can hardly hear a word President Vest is saying, then you hear 'Let the Rush Begin!' and a swarm of people from all sides begin moving towards you," said Julee Y. Hong '03.

What happens after that differs for everyone. Several male students who were interested in visiting houses said they visited around four fraternities or independent living groups. "I went to a house with a friend, I didn't like it and returned to Killian to play ultimate frisbee," said Alexander Chang '03.

"I enjoyed the experience, but I felt there was a lot of pressure on myself to decide," said Rohit Gupta '05, who ended up not joining a fraternity. Gupta said that the pressure was not a result of it being the last year of rush, but his own view of the situation.

"The friends I had made beforehand said that rush wasn't for them but would go for free food. Everybody pledged at the end," said Fred F. Gao '04.

### Others view rush as more relaxed

For many, especially females, rush was an exceptionally fun time. "I was there to get free food and follow around my friends from pre-orientation," said Anne B. Chin '05.

"For us, it was just a great opportunity to meet a lot of people. One of my closest friends I just happened to meet randomly during rush."

Nikhila Deo '04 agreed. "I made many good friends during rush. I worked as a rush girl at Phi Beta Epsilon and interacted with all 22 members of last year's pledge class, and I am still close friends with 10 of them today," she said.

"For guys, I don't think that applies as much," Gao said. "They more often meet brothers than hang out and make friends. Since the decision about living there is resting in their minds, they are not as overly anxious to go and meet other people."

Sorority rush was always run differently and separately from dormitory and FILG rush. "They quickly grabbed the guys one by one, then they ushered all of the girls into [Room] 10-250," Hong said. "From there, all the sororities all introduced themselves in separate rooms. If a strong bond developed between a sister and a freshman, then they try to get with you to stay there." Hong said she didn't join any of the sororities because she didn't know enough of the members.

For those doing the rushing, the experience was much more relaxed and enjoyable even without the day-long activities. "The other side was fun because you get to see the results of what was being worked for your freshman year," Gao said.

Many of the previous participants felt the FSILG activities tended to eclipse those of the dormitories. "[Dorm Rush]

seemed to focus more what the rooms were like, and not what the people were like," Chin said. "I don't really think my dorm has adapted their program enough to accommodate for this year's focus on dormitories."



### Slight mood change felt in '01

Most found that 2001 was more intense for fraternities than usual. "Many of my friends in fraternities kept telling me how they needed to load up on people for the coming year," Hong said. "Some of them felt it was necessary for their houses' survival."

Other fraternity members also noted a slight sense of desperation in the last year of rush. "Camping [the practice of members of an organization waiting for freshmen outside of another organization's house] seemed to get worse last year," said Alexander Chang '03. "It got to the point where people would leave the premises and come back immediately, though this varied depending on relationships between houses." In addition, more emphasis was placed on Spring and Summer rush in 2001 than was in previous years. "It is rare for spring rush to be big, but in 2001, Phi Delta Theta and some other fraternities did a big push for members," Chang said.

However, most of rush's participants did not see a waning in the overall quality of rush during its final years.

### Future nebulous for FSILGs

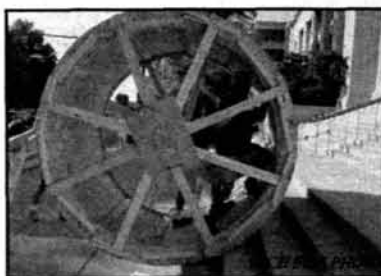
Many of those interviewed who were connected to FSILGs felt that the new rush, which is much less structured and with no definite termination, will be a burden to the living groups.

"Freshmen are a lot more comfortable than sophomores entering [a living group]. When I pledged, I viewed the juniors and seniors as role models and the sophomores as a group more on my level of understanding. That's something really important when establishing friendships and comfort in a house," said Nathan F. Meng '04.

Most of the males surveyed said they would prefer an extended but definite period of FILG rush. "With two weeks, you can only keep up a veiled face for so long. That way freshmen could really see what the dormitories were like," Gupta said.

Hong disagreed with the idea of extending the time period. "When freshmen are already beginning to settle down, will they want to leave the community they are forming already?" she said.

Overall, those that were interviewed expected Greek and ILG life to diminish over the coming years. "I really think [the administration is] expecting some of the smaller houses to close," Gao said.



selection after rush. In 1970, temporary dormitory housing was randomized, which remained the norm until 2000.

### Death leads to housing changes

In the fall of 1997, Scott S. Krueger '01 died of alcohol poisoning following a pledge party at his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. The Boston Licensing Board ordered the fraternity closed by that spring. Krueger's parents and MIT settled out of court in 2000 when the Institute apologized for failing to prevent Krueger's death and promised to substantially change student life. Krueger's parents received \$4.75 million from the settlement.

Even before that, however, MIT had pledged to house all freshmen on campus by 2001. President Charles M. Vest had announced during the summer of 1998 that freshmen would be housed on campus by 2001, and plans had already been laid to construct adequate housing for all freshmen. However, delays in the planning process for Simmons Hall forced MIT to push back the plan to 2002.

### The rush experience

Chaotic was one of the words that appeared frequently. "You're sitting on





# daily Confuzion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

All day – **East Campus** – Tour D'EC

**12 a.m.**

12:17 a.m. – **Senior House** – Playing twister is much more difficult when you're covered in lubricant. Don't worry, it's water based.

**1 a.m.**

1:21 a.m. – **Senior House** – What is a Towers bug? And what do they have to do with Satan? An important life lesson.

**4 a.m.**

4:31 a.m. – **Senior House** – Dan shows us how slutty Haus officers can be.

**7 a.m.**

7:00 a.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – 7 am, as good a time as any to drown yourself in the Charles.

7:14 a.m. – **Senior House** – We're all asleep. Go somewhere else for breakfast, and come back later.

**9 a.m.**

9:00 a.m. – **French House** – It's the beginning of rush, and you're hungry already?! Come to French House and we'll serve up a fresh-cooked breakfast. We've got muffins, cereal, omelettes, cider, and home baked bread! New House 6, top floor.

9:00 a.m. – **French House** – C'est le début de rush, et vous avez déjà faim?! Venez à La Maison Française et nous vous servirons un petit déjeuner frais. Nous avons des petits pains, des céréales, des omelettes, du cidre, et du pain de notre propre cuisine. New House 6, 4eme étage.

9:31 a.m. – **Senior House** – Sport death, smoke cloves. Only life can kill you, not cigarettes. Especially when they're free.

9:36 a.m. – **Senior House** – Rush has begun. Senior Haus will proudly drop its SPORT DEATH banner in celebration. Come see parents and administrators not bother to understand.

**10 a.m.**

10:29 a.m. – **Senior House** – In our ongoing effort to appease residents' clamorings for more nudity, there will be body painting in the courtyard. Cover whatever parts of yourself you chose to expose with swirly colours.

10:49 a.m. – **French House** – Mot du jour: brouillon. n. mischief maker. (Il y en a beaucoup dans La Maison Française.)

**11 a.m.**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. – **Baker House** – Take a tour of Baker House! Come to Baker's lobby, tours will run every 20 minutes.

11:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – Housemaster's Brunch. Come meet our housemaster's daughter.

11:32 a.m. – **Senior House** – An Abercrombie & Fitch representative will be here to give away free clothing samples and fashion tips. Meet across from Senior Haus at the bottom of the Charles.

11:37 a.m. – **French House** – Wondering about the banner outside New House? Yeah, we know it's misspelled. Ce n'est pas notre faute! Come drop by during the day anyway. La Maison Française, 5th floor, New House 6.

**12 p.m.**

12:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Housing Lottery Opens. All Freshmen should go to the Adjustment Lottery site between now and Tuesday evening to indicate their permanent dorm preferences.

12:27 p.m. – **Senior House** – Swim in our pool. Yes, really. We will be playing with water all evening, because the safety office won't let us play with fire anymore. Irene says "nudity is encouraged."

12:45 p.m. – **East Campus** – Playfair? Jesus and his apostles didn't go to no playfair. They multiplied fish and vegetarian-friendly foods and so will we.

**1 p.m.**

1:05 p.m. – **Senior House** – "Something" is happening in the courtyard.

Come and see.

13:47 – **Random Hall** – Learn how to make ice cream the way our great great grandparents did – with liquid nitrogen!

**2 p.m.**

2:00 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – No acceptare tus religiones moneteistas; muestrame el camino a Nazaret y abofeteare a tu salvador con una trucha.

14:47 – **Random Hall** – Sure, there's a barbecue soon, but wouldn't you rather go to MARS? Don't lie. We have the trip all planned out – all we need are passengers. And freeze-dried peanut butter and banana sandwiches.

2:51 p.m. – **French House** – Alouette, gentille alouette. Alouette, je te plumerai...

**3 p.m.**

3:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – Tire-swinging lessons. Twist, shout, wrap yourself up. Skilled trainers (read: crusty alums) will see to your safety as you learn to do things your insurance company wouldn't cover.

**4 p.m.**

4:00 p.m. – **French House** – Join us for an excursion into Boston. We'll show you around the North End, where the bakeries are \*almost\* as good as our kitchen. Maybe we'll even jump into some fountains along the way! (Come prepared with shoes that can get wet.)

4:00 p.m. – **French House** – Nous allons explorer le quartier du "North End" où se trouvent les boulangeries merveilleuses. Si vous voulez, nous pouvons aussi nous baigner dans quelques fontaines. (Portez des chaussures convenables.)

**5 p.m.**

5:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Administration's Welcome Address at Kresge. LET THE 'RUSH' BEGIN! Back in the day ...

5:04 p.m. – **Senior House** – Hot and thirsty after a few hours of rush? Cum unto Senior Haus.

5:12 p.m. – **French House** – Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir? Si vous habitez ici, vous pourrez utiliser cette phrase!

**6 p.m.**

6:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Hair Dying, Tie Dying, and Coping with Loss. Shimmy on over to EC to the beat of one hand clapping. Dye your hair. Dye a shirt. It's ok, let it all out. The tears are natural.

6:01 p.m. – **Senior House** – What are you, a baby? Do you need to learn how to "play fair?" Ditch that ignorant shit.

6:09 p.m. – **Senior House** – Alex Firshein (pronounced "fur-shine") is the strangest man alive. Listen to him say "set sail for Captain Blotto" in Russian. Then ask him to tell you his stories about the Chernobyl whore.

6:18 p.m. – **Senior House** – Join us for a friendly game of "catch the shaven, greased piglet." Bring your own piglet, we don't like to share.

6:30 p.m. – **French House** – The midway is a few short hours away, and Marissa is preparing the bottomless cookie jar. Come help us decorate cookies! Our kitchen is on the top floor of New House 6.

6:30 p.m. – **French House** – C'est presque l'heure du midway, et Marissa prépare la jarre des biscuits qui est sans fond. Venez nous aider à décorer les biscuits! Vous pouvez trouver notre cuisine au 4eme étage de New House 6.

18:47 – **Random Hall** – just like the publishing company, except not quite.

**7 p.m.**

7:00 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – It's Monistat 7 o'clock! Come try out our shiny new stirrups!

7:15 p.m. – **Senior House** – Add some mystery to your life. Find out what's for dinner.

19:47 – **Random Hall** – preferred 2-to-1 over Progresso!

7:59 p.m. – **French House** – Quick! The residence midway is starting in just one minute. You can visit French House

in the Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor student center.

7:59 p.m. – **French House** – Venez nous voir au "residence midway" ! Nous aurons de la musique, des films, des jeux, des bulles, et des tonnes de biscuits! La Maison Française se trouve au salon mezzanine, 3eme étage student center.

**8 p.m.**

8:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Residence Midway. EC made room at La Sala by defeating Eleven warriors who were cast with loaded dice. It'll be a veritable orgy of living groups all vying for your undying love and unspoken devotion.

8:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Green Speak. Corporate Vandalism got way cooler since Fight Club. Watch as we subvert some dominant paradigms on the Green Building.

8:00 p.m. – **Russian House** – Visit our table at the Residence Midway held at the Johnson Athletic Center.

8:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Come cool off, have a Sno-Cone and eat some popcorn with your friends at Burton-Conner.

8:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – Remember the song "paint it black" from the Senior Haus 13 video? It referred to your lungs with our free rush cigarettes. We're in front of the student center for the residence midway now.

8:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Didn't have a chance to go to a carnival this summer? Come up to the third floor and play carnival games for prizes in Twenty Chimneys.

20:47 – **Random Hall** – What are you doing reading this? You should be at the Residence Midway! Look for Random Hall in the coffeehouse on the third floor of the student center.

**9 p.m.**

9:00 p.m. – **Russian House** – Visit our table, have a (soft) drink.

9:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Express your artistic side and make some colorful spin art on the third floor balcony.

21:17 – **Random Hall** – Aren't you listening? I told you to GO TO THE RESIDENCE MIDWAY. THIRD FLOOR. NOW. Please?

9:27 p.m. – **Senior House** – Dinner. Some of our residents are cooking whatever the hell they want.

9:29 p.m. – **French House** – Why aren't you at the midway? French House is hanging out in the Mezz Lounge, and we'd love for you to drop by, too.

9:29 p.m. – **French House** – Pourquoi n'êtes-vous pas au midway? La Maison Française détende au salon mezzanine, et nous aimerions vous rencontrer.

9:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Hungry? Come eat some popcorn while you play some classic carnival games with Burton-Conner.

9:35 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – Violence on television only affects children whose parents act like television personalities. There is always a party going on somewhere.

21:47 – **Random Hall** – Come visit Random Hall on the third floor of the student center – we're the only dorm certified to be lumberjack- and ax-wielding-maniac-free!

**10 p.m.**

10:00 p.m. – **Russian House** – Visit our two tables.

10:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Come up to Twenty Chimneys, try your hand at some carnival games and win some toys (they're good procrastinating tools).

10:13 p.m. – **Senior House** – Introduction to Australian slang. Zoz will teach you about your tockley or fish mitten, how to recognize drongos and dodge blokes, and what a cuntbox is and why it is you. We're in front of the student center now.

22:17 – **Random Hall** – We don't have to pay by the letter, you know. We can put as many of these entries in as we want. We can even fill it with gibberish. Svorky.

10:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Haven't made a spin art picture yet? Come on up and show off your artistic

side on the third floor balcony.

22:47 – **Random Hall** – Minrets scaxod pre-fibuwar. Ushrip guacamole zift!

**11 p.m.**

11:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – Everyday is Jesus day. Prizes for best stigma-ta.

11:00 p.m. – **Russian House** – Join us under the table.

11:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Your friends at Burton-Conner are up on the third floor ready to serve you popcorn and sno-cones. Come up and chat as you eat and try your hand at some carnival games.

23:17 – **Random Hall** – Did you decode our last message yet? Keep working ...

11:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Last chance for popcorn, sno-cones, spin art, carnival games and prizes. Get up to the third floor before it's all gone!

11:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – Help carry us to Russian House.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

All Day – **East Campus** – Forging, Barn Raising, and Black Smithing. 'Tis a nice pool but 'tis no barn, English.

All Day – **East Campus** – Vortex and/or rail guns. Fred realizes that making railguns involves two words: 'deflowering' and 'capacitor.'

All day – **East Campus** – Concrete Casting and Smashing. Smash your own graven image!!!!

All Day – **East Campus** – Hair Dying. We have enough bleach to dye your netherlands.

All Day – **East Campus** – Tie dying. Geez, what's with all this death, you'd think we were at MIT or something.

All Day – **East Campus** – Model Rocket Building. Watch as men in suits harass us when our low flying rockets appear on Logan radar.

**12 a.m.**

Early Morning – **East Campus** – Morning Erection. Wake up to a raging erection at East Campus. Towels provided at the top of a 36 foot tall watch tower.

12:00 a.m. – **Senior House** – Bonfire. Gather around the Senior Haus courtyard bonfire, roast a marshmallow, build a s'more, and hang out with us. Music, mellowness, and skullfucking armageddon all provided.

12:00 a.m. – **Russian House** – Late-night cartoons.

12:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – Giant Movie Marathon (Possibly Rated) Everything at East Campus is BIG, and so is our building-sized video screen if you catch our drift. . .

12:00 a.m. – **Next House** – New Year, New Day, whatever. It's all just an excuse to party Mardi Gras style at Next House. Only and hour left, so get your moneymaker down to the intersection of Memorial Drive and Bourbon Street before the beads are all gone.

12:01 a.m. – **French House** – The residence midway is over, but come follow us home afterwards and we'll show you French movies. All the food that you didn't eat at the midway will be there, too!

12:01 a.m. – **French House** – Le midway est fini, mais si vous nous suivez chez nous, nous vous montrerons des films français. Toute la nourriture que vous n'avez pas encore mangée vous attendra!

0:17 – **Random Hall** – Random Roofdeck Movies presents Chocolat! Chocolate makes the world good. But not everyone understands that. With Johnny Depp as the swarthy, funky, guitar-string plucking river-drifter.

**1 a.m.**

1:12 a.m. – **Senior House** – Tanya Immanuela Burka can hang horizontally in the air, operate a nuclear reactor, eat poison, kick your ass, and is much more goth than you. She's asleep now, so it's the perfect time to talk shit about her behind her back.

**2 a.m.**

2:17 – **Random Hall** – Random Roofdeck Movies presents Bridget Jones' Diary! Oh, the joy, the pain! Men! Overbearing mothers! Crap jobs with crap bosses! See Texan Renee Zellweger pull off a very convincing British accent, and British hotties Colin

Firth and Hugh Grant duke it out in a pastry shop. It's raining men! (hallelujah)

2:31 a.m. – **Senior House** – Come to Senior Haus and have sex with one, two, or all three of our rush chairs. Vegetarian/Vegan options and condoms always provided.

**3 a.m.**

3:17 – **Random Hall** – Come to Random House of Pancakes! We have tons of flapJACKS to satisfy your slightly-after-midnight-snack-cravings.

3:33 a.m. – **French House** – What are you still doing awake? Crêpes await you in the morning!

3:34 a.m. – **French House** – What makes you think we're going to sleep? Stop by and get yummy snacks NOW.

**4 a.m.**

4:00 a.m. – **Senior House** – Pot pie, motherfucker.

4:17 – **Random Hall** – Random Roofdeck Movies presents Thelma and Louise! Two women on the run from the thick oppression of boredom, bad men, and the law. Oh yeah, and then there's that fling with a young Brad Pitt while on the road to Mexico.

**6 a.m.**

6:01 a.m. – **French House** – There's a living group at MIT

6:02 a.m. – **French House** – Which is not quite a dorm nor an ILG

6:03 a.m. – **French House** – We cook and we speak French: mais oui!

6:04 a.m. – **French House** – Alors il faut venir ici!

6:05 a.m. – **French House** – French House is located on the 5th floor of New House 6.

6:15 a.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – All-Star Calisthenics with Philip Rha. Phildo pumps you like the East German swim team. Lebensraum! Trunk twisters are 90% MENTAL 10% PHYSICAL.

6:17 – **Random Hall** – O unenlightened one, thou must maketh a pilgrimage to Randomme Halle and seeketh the wisdom of Yonder Friendly Deskworke (TFD). Only then mayest thou discover the true meaning of the numeral betwixt sixteen and eighteen.

**7 a.m.**

7:00 a.m. – **Senior House** – Let us go to sleep, you dumbass frosh.

**8 a.m.**

8:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – Calc and Physics Exams, Make-Up FEE. Prove your worth, lower your self esteem.

8:11 a.m. – **Senior House** – Awake for the advanced standing exams? You dumbass frosh.

8:17 – **Random Hall** – Cartoons and cereal! TRA-LA-LA-LA-LA. Miss eating cereal and watching cartoons in your PJ's? We would too, but we're too busy wondering just what Papa Smurf is putting in that flask. Come play with us. We don't bite... much.

**9 a.m.**

9:00 a.m. – **French House** – We like crêpes. We hope you do too. Come and fill yours with jam, Nutella™, whipped cream, or any number of other goodies. As usual, we're on the 5th floor of New House 6.

9:00 a.m. – **French House** – Nous aimons les crêpes. Nous espérons que vous les aimez aussi. Remplissez-les de confiture, de nutella, de crème fouettée ou de ce que vous voulez. Comme d'habitude, nous nous trouvons au 4eme étage de New House 6.

**10 a.m.**

10:00 a.m. – **Next House** – Let's go to the beach. Well, not really but who needs sand and waves when you've got an inflatable pool with water toys, water balloons, and volleyball? Oh yeah, and a waterslide too. The chillin' will be going strong till the evening so drop on by.

10:37 a.m. to 1:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – Lunch. Food/Refreshments/Drinks and of course plenty of lovely conversations.

**11 a.m.**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. – **Baker House** – Take a tour of Baker House! Come to Baker's lobby, tours will run every 20 minutes.

11:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – President's Address. Play buzzword bingo while being reassured that 2006 holds

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more promise than any other admitted class MIT has ever seen. This ain't no disco!!!

11:00 a.m. – **Next House** – We have waterslides. What more could you ask for?

11:03 a.m. – **Senior House** – Orgy in the basement. Condoms provided. Oh, right, I forgot, you've got a "mandatory" event to go to, right? Have fun with that.

11:11 a.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Vertical Nine-Square Wack-A-Mole All Simmons first floor singles. Wackers, Moles wanted.

11:17 – **Random Hall** – Ultimate Frisbee and Four Square. You know you want to play. Just do it. Be like Mike.

11:32 a.m. – **French House** – Ohhhhh, Champs-Élysées!

11:47 – **Random Hall** – First you see Random in the distance. Then you see it up close. THEN IT SEES YOU.

**12 p.m.**

12:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Hate the heat? Get your retribution, water balloon style. Stock up on ammunition at Next house and let the water fly.

12:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – East vs. West Water War. Increase the Peace.

12:03 p.m. – **Senior House** – Water fight. A variety of squirt guns and water balloons will be on hand. Mock violence

is bad for your moral development. You know you want it. Don't come to us, we'll come to you.

12:17 – **Random Hall** – We have more tacos than you can shake a chalu-pa at, and our meat doesn't come out of a hose! No long lines either! Come crunch away with us!

12:30 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – Midget, the Chicken of the Sea. Yes we have Heinz 57.

**1 p.m.**

1:00 p.m. – **Next House** – I've got one word for you: Kiddie Pool. Consider yourself informed.

13:00:17 – **Random Hall** – Like puzzles, riddles, and cryptography? We'll put your talents to the test with the Random Hall Mini Mystery Hunt, a miniature version of the campus-wide IAP tradition. Will continue til dinner, so drop by anytime. Ese uyo etreh!

1:04 p.m. – **Senior House** – Pyrolunch. Veggie burgers made from real vegetarians. Vegan options always available.

1:11 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Architect Hunt. Lay chase to Simmons' architect. Smack if found. Repeat.

13:17 – **Random Hall** – The safety office has informed us that you can burn off moles with liquid nitrogen. But we have a better idea – let's make ice

cream with it! And maybe if we have any leftover nitrogen,... we'll make more ice cream!

1:38 p.m. – **Russian House** – Wondering what's the deal with 37? If you were in Russian House a minute ago, we'd tell you.

13:47 – **Random Hall** – Ozok want you see Random Hall! Ozok go boom-boom-batty if you no come!

**2 p.m.**

2:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Effigy Piñata Smash. Nothing says piñata like pasty-white anglos with baseball bats fired up on Dos Equis.

2:00 p.m. – **Next House** – And on the fifth day, God created Volleyball. And there was much rejoicing. On the sixth day, the losers got pelted by water balloons and were thrown into our king-sized inflatable pool.

2:01 p.m. – **Senior House** – Make your own Bonsai Kitten with the one and only Dr Michael Wong Chang. Learn by doing, all the techniques required to create a shaped cat from "scratch". Find out the secrets of intubation, medication, oxygenated food slurry and the importance of good cramming technique. Bring your own vessel for the stuffing.

14:17 – **Random Hall** – Remember how your parents wouldn't let you draw

on the walls when you were a kid? Make up for all that lost time here at Random Hall! We have lots of paint and wall space. MIT doesn't care, and you know you wanna ...

14:17 – **Random Hall** – "Oh no, I missed the Mystery Hunt... it started at 1!" you wail. Fear not – there are still plenty of puzzles to be solved! Come over to Random and Ozok will add you to a team!

2:22 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Wall Straightening Replace f\*#@ed up lounge walls with normal ones.

2:30 p.m. – **French House** – At French House, we're always up for spontaneous fun. Come hang out with us and decide what to do with the afternoon. We might play soccer, ultimate frisbee, or monopoly; we might even paint one of our walls. Who knows?

2:30 p.m. – **French House** – A La Maison Française, nous essayons de nous amuser, quoi que nous fassions. Aidez-nous à décider quoi faire cette après-midi. Peut-être jouerons-nous au foot, au frisbee, ou au Monopoly; autrement on pourrait même peindre un de nos murs. Allez savoir!

2:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – Let the House tours begin ...

14:47 – **Random Hall** – Take a space-age adventure with James on ... STAR TOURS! Explore the wonders of

Wild Harvest, the perils of the cheese section, and the terror of the Self-Checkout! \*gasp\* Caution: Pregnant women and ultraviolet chinchillas shouldn't ride Star Tours.

14:47 – **Random Hall** – Circles are your friends – that's why our dorm is made up entirely of them! Come take a tour and revel in our circleness (circlosity? circularity? circulescence?)

**3 p.m.**

3:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Slip and slide. The beach party is still going strong at Next House, drop on by and enjoy the waterslides, inflatable pool, water toys, and volleyball.

3:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Stop by Burton-Conner for a tour.

3:15 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Are you a pool shark? Come test your skills at the new Burton-Conner pool table.

15:17 – **Random Hall** – Chocolate – the 17th wonder of the world! We have vast mountains (and blobs and stacks) of it, and if you don't help us eat it, we'll, uh, we'll destroy all the chocolate in the universe. And you don't want that.

3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. – **New House** – Make Your Own Sundae & Beach Volleyball! Location: New House Courtyard. Play some volleyball out in the New House Courtyard and cool down with something nice and cold. We've got a variety of flavors and toppings for you to make your own ice cream sundae. Enjoy a beautiful warm summer afternoon with a view of the Charles River!

3:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. – **New House** – New House Tours (Meet at front desk)

3:30 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Simmons: Behind the Ugly Facade. Come learn how the residents finished off the building and hear some Simmons folk lore. Free tours provided.

3:30 p.m. – **Spanish House** – Bowling with La Casa! Bring your skills and we'll provide the lane and shoes. We will meet in the Spanish House lounge (New House 3, 2nd floor) shortly after 3:30 and leave from there.

3:30 p.m. – **New House** – Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae and Beach Volleyball! Play some volleyball out in the New House Courtyard and cool down with something nice and cold. We've got a variety of flavors and toppings for you to make your own ice cream sundae. Enjoy a beautiful warm summer afternoon with a view of the Charles River! All at New House Courtyard!

3:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Come eat some food out at the Burton-Conner BBQ.

3:30 p.m. – **German House** – Tired of running around to all those "mandatory" orientation activities? Want to add a little international flavor to your rush experience? Then come check out German House, take a little tour of our abode, and join the upperclassmen for cookies, fudge, games, and fun.

3:30 p.m. – **MacGregor House** – Come on down to MacGregor and watch as we light the fires for our infinite BBQ. All the fun and food you could possibly ever need are right here. MacGregor: where the parties don't stop 'til 8 in the morning.

3:31 p.m. – **Senior House** – Fuck the administration events, it's time for a smoke break. Free cigarettes for all of rush. Come chill in our courtyard. Learn how to blow smoke rings, and why this is more difficult when your tongue is pierced.

3:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – Ever wonder how Borscht is made? Join our House Tutor, Sasha for an exquisite lesson in traditional Russian cooking!

3:40 p.m. – **New House** – Play Beach Volleyball with New House!

3:45 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – We're waiting to talk to you while you play a board game with us here at Burton-Conner.

15:47 – **Random Hall** – It's time for Random Hall's 17th annual Nerd Pageant! Watch us showcase all of our talent – there may even be a swimsuit competition (probably not).

15:47 – **Random Hall** – Now that you've learned all about diversity, come to Random and try a wide VARIETY of challenging puzzles with a MULTICULTURAL team of puzzle-solvers! Enjoy a taste of MIT's HERITAGE – we do this for a whole weekend every January!

3:50 p.m. – **New House** – Enjoy a warm summer afternoon in New House Courtyard! Volleyball and Ice

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Cream Sundaes!

4 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Who needs heat? Cool down with some beach/pool related fun in the Next House courtyard while the other freshmen collapse from heat exhaustion.

4:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Head on over to Burton-Conner for food, a tour and plenty of upperclassmen to answer your questions.

4:00 p.m. – **New House** – Cool down with Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae with New House!

4:00 p.m. – **New House** – Get to Know what New House is like - New House Tours meeting at the Front Desk!

4:00 p.m. – **French House** – Venez nous aider à cuisiner, et regardez-nous préparer un de nos diners quotidiens. L'habilité dans la cuisine est optionnelle!

4:00 p.m. – **French House** – See what it's like to cook a real French House meal. Help us in the kitchen, and reap the rewards once we've finished. No cooking experience needed!

4:10 p.m. – **New House** – Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae with New House!

16:17 – **Random Hall** – Theseus would love this place —it's the world's greatest 3D maze! Bring your ball of yarn, and beware the Minotaur! (he's from Iowa.)

4:20 p.m. – **New House** – A beautiful view of the Charles River, Volleyball, and ... Ice Cream Sundaes. All at New House Courtyard!

4:25 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – Space people think factories are musical instruments. They sing along with them. Each song lasts from 8am to 5pm. No music on weekends.

4:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Gamers rejoice at the possibilities at Burton-Conner.

4:30 p.m. – **New House** – Get your questions answered - New House Tours meeting at the Front Desk.

4:30 p.m. – **New House** – Play Beach Volleyball with New House!

4:40 p.m. – **New House** – Enjoy a warm summer afternoon in New House Courtyard! Volleyball and Ice Cream Sundaes!

16:47 – **Random Hall** – We have all the marmite you can eat! What's marmite? We don't know. But if you can out-eat Ross, you'll win a prize! (the rest of the marmite).

16:47 – **Random Hall** – BRAINS WANTED. Two teams of FPS (Freshmen Puzzle Solvers) seeking fresh FPSs. Must enjoy cryptograms, anagrams, and long walks around campus. Come over to Random and we'll let you play with our decoder rings!

16:47 – **Random Hall** – Meet the Feebles? Siffi 'n Olly? "My name is Precious Roy and I listen to the Indigo Girls, SUCKERS!!!!". Random Hall's Sock Puppet Theatre is all of this and a bottle of nitroglycerin. Come and watch as socks do things you never thought they could in this Kantian re-interpretation of The Incredible Lightness of Being.

4:50 p.m. – **New House** – Cool down with Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae with New House!

5 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Thinking about Burton-Conner? Come take a tour and find out about us.

5:00 p.m. – **Baker House** – Enjoy milkshakes and snacks at a Baker Happy Hour 2nd level of Baker Commons (1st floor of Baker)

5:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Get out of the kiddie pool and pick up your cue stick. We've got ping pong, poker, dominoes, and (that's right) pool games going, so jump on in.

5:00 p.m. – **New House** – Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae with New House!

5:00 p.m. – **New House** – Find out why New House is a great dorm!- New House Tour meeting at Front Desk.

5:00 p.m. – **MacGregor House** – Betcha didn't know that MacGregor has a subterranean basketball court. Just one of many lame-ass reasons why you should visit MacGregor.

5:02 p.m. – **Senior House** – We don't really eat babies. Plenty of perfectly normal, everyday type out-door cook-out food to be had in the Senior Haus courtyard. Vegetarian/Vegan options always available.

5:07 p.m. – **French House** – Ceci n'est pas une Rush Entry.

5:10 p.m. – **New House** – A beautiful view of the Charles River, Volleyball,

and ... Ice Cream Sundaes. All at New House Courtyard! Play Beach Volleyball with New House!

17:17 – **Random Hall** – We've got computers so old you have to type in binary. Ever typed in binary? We like to do it with a sledge hammer. This equipment is just begging to be shut down one last time.

5:20 p.m. – **New House** – Enjoy a warm summer afternoon in New House Courtyard! Volleyball and Ice Cream Sundaes!

5:30 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Breakfast or Burgers? We don't know what cooking facilities will be constructed in time. Hell, we don't even know if we'll have a place where we can eat the food. So, come on by for plenty-o-some-type-o-food.

5:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Is your stomach rumbling? There's plenty of food at Burton-Conner, including Kosher options.

5:30 p.m. – **New House** – New House Tours. Meet at NH Front Desk!

5:30 p.m. – **New House** – Cool down with Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae with New House!

5:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – What do you think of dialectical materialism?

5:38 p.m. – **Russian House** – Never mind.

5:40 p.m. – **New House** – Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae with New House!

5:50 p.m. – **New House** – A beautiful view of the Charles River, Volleyball, and ... Ice Cream Sundaes. All at New House Courtyard!

6 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – **New House** – Spaghetti Mafia Mystery Dinner. Location: New House Hallway (Dinner) Mafia Game in New House 4 1st floor lounge (blue door) Mmmm....We've got lots of it prepared for you. Join us for dinner followed by a game of Mafia. Never played Mafia? Don't worry. Join in the fun! We'll teach you or you can just watch.

6:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Compete with fellow freshmen or Burton-Conner residents on our new foosball table.

6:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Don't scratch, no pressure now.

6:00 p.m. – **New House** – Get to Know what New House is like - New House Tours meeting at the Front Desk.

6:15 p.m. – **French House** – Diiiiineeeeeer! Mème si vous ne nous avez pas aidés à cuisiner, vous êtes les bienvenus à notre repas. Au menu: salade, quiche, pizza, et un coulis de framboises. (Nous avons des options végétariennes.) Bon appétit!

6:15 p.m. – **French House** – Dinner is served! Even if you didn't help us cook, you're welcome to come enjoy an LMF-style feast with us. On the menu: salad, quiche, pizza, and mousse. (Veggie options available.) Bring your appetite and thirst to converse!

6:15 p.m. – **New House** – Spaghetti Mafia Mystery Dinner! Mmmm...visit New House!

18:17 – **Random Hall** – Ask Sherv stuff! Name: Shervin Fatehi Age: 20 Height: 5'7.5" Weight: 115 lbs. Eyes: brown Hair: brown Body fat: 7% Blood pressure: 118/60 Pulse: 60 Glasses: yes Contacts: no Major: chemistry Single: yes Don't ask some innocuous dork about life, the universe, and everything. Ask a man dressed all sexy.

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Somebody dies. Well not really a somebody, more of a nobody. You guessed it, someone killed the architect. With dessert in hand, help us figure out who done it and how (it's a murder mystery gumshoe).

6:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Come eat our food here at the Burton-Conner BBQ pits before we pack it up and move inside.

6:30 p.m. – **New House** – Come to New House for a Spaghetti Dinner and a night of Mafia!

6:30 p.m. – **New House** – Get your questions answered - New House Tours meeting at the Front Desk.

6:45 p.m. – **New House** – Mystery Game and Dinner. Only at New House!

7 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Ping pong, dominoes, pool, and poker. If that's not enough to tickle your fancy then go tickle a pickle.

7:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Do you have what it takes to be the smoothie master? Come find out at Bur-

ton-Conner.

7:00 p.m. – **MacGregor House** – With the sun setting, now is the perfect time to check out the view from MacGregor's 15th floor—the best view in all the dorms. While you're here, you might as well grab a burger and see what else is going on.

7:00 p.m. – **Spanish House** – Enchilada Dinner! We will be serving enchiladas and other Mexican favorites in this nice sit-down meal in the Spanish House dining room (New House 3). Bring your appetite with you, and we'll serve you — restaurant style.

7:00 p.m. – **New House** – Now who got the Ace? Join in the fun! Spaghetti Mafia Mystery Dinner at New House!

7:00 p.m. – **New House** – Find out why New House is a great dorm! - New House Tour meeting at Front Desk.

7:15 p.m. – **New House** – Spaghetti Mafia Mystery Dinner! Mmmm...visit New House!

19:17 – **Random Hall** – We've slaved over hot stoves all day to bring you J Arthur Random's own brand of Lasagna! We've got two magical flavors: meat and non-meat!

7:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – We have lots of new board games for you to try here at Burton-Conner.

7:30 p.m. – **Spanish House** – Yeah, La Casa is still working on those enchiladas. You better hurry before they are all gone!

7:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – Dinner Le Grand. Food may be served. Russian House Dinner is a tradition we all cherish. Prepared and digested from start to finish by the residents and the social members. It is not only a delicious meal, but also a social event, a chance for all of us to get together no matter how busy the day gets. \*

7:41 p.m. – **Senior House** – Get a tour from Rob while he's got an inflatable Love Ewe taped to his crotch.

7:45 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Come check out the video collection here at Burton-Conner. One of the choices will start playing in 15 minutes.

8 p.m.

8:00 p.m. – **French House** – Stuffed full of dinner? Yeah, we are too. Come along on an after dinner stroll to the playground on the esplanade. Meet in the French House kitchen, fifth floor of New House 6.

8:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – You have a common set of ingredients and a blender...come make something delicious here at Burton-Conner.

8:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – We're going to drop thousands of bouncy balls from one of balconies into the courtyard, then bounce them around until they all disappear into Chuck Vest's yard.

8:00 p.m. – **Next House** – What's that you say? Still dressed? Come to Next House and lose your shirt. Just choose your poison: pool, poker, dominoes, or ping pong.

8:11 p.m. – **Senior House** – Rid the world of stupidity. Burn Aimee Smith in effigy.

20:17 – **Random Hall** – It's a games party at Random! We're having ALL our friends over (that means you, too). There'll be all kinds of games and food and our own brand of Crazy.

8:29 p.m. – **Spanish House** – We have one enchilada left, come by and snag it before we do!

8:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – You still haven't had a tour of Burton-Conner!?! Come on over and find out what sets us apart.

8:30 p.m. – **German House** – Want to kick back and enjoy a little taste of the land of kartoffeln and BMWs? Join German House for a sumptuous dinner prepared by our best student cooks.

8:37 p.m. – **Russian House** – You can't move after dinner, so you decide to stay at Russian House.

8:38 p.m. – **Russian House** – Intellectual academic discussions evenly mixed with wild orgies. Fits all tastes. You realize you've made the right choice.

20:47 – **Random Hall** – When you're 77 Kelvin, you redefine cool. Come chill with us as we make ice cream with liquid nitrogen! It'll be frosty, dude.

8:59 p.m. – **Senior House** – Famous author and MIT graduate Pepper White said that the Senior Haus tire swing resembled "a tether ball with an onboard microprocessor." Come and learn the truth of this.

9 p.m.

9:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – We

here at Burton-Conner are waiting for you to come play with us. Can you win?

9:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – Disco Hitler makes us all feel lowly by showing off his superior skills on the tire swing. He can teach us many things.

9:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Our tastefully furnished lounge becomes Bourbon street tonight as our Mardi Gras party gets underway. Come share in the Nextual experience complete with beads, masks, refreshments, and music blaring from our world-renowned sound system.

9:00 p.m. – **Spanish House** – Don't you hate that not-wanting-to-move feeling after a big plate of enchiladas? Spanish House is having an Austin Powers marathon (ok, just the first two)! Come join us for chips and salsa, and maybe some GameCube™!

21:17 – **Random Hall** – Visit our Open Mic Night! We'll be singing, reading, and yodeling our hearts out. Watch as we unearth that little nugget of talent inside of all of us, and join us in our adventure!

9:30 p.m. – **MacGregor House** – We're here in the MacGregor TFL with cool ice cream treats and hot hip-hop sounds. The only question is, why aren't you here already?

9:30 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Resurrection. Get your partyage and chillage on in a vain attempt to bring the architect's wretched soul back from the depths of hell — just so he can be mysteriously killed off for next year.

9:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Only 30 minutes left to make something in a blender here at Burton-Conner. What will your concoction be?

9:36 p.m. – **Senior House** – Dinner while we plot against the Man's constant attempts to keep us down.

10 p.m.

10:00 p.m. - 12 a.m. – **New**

**House** – Late Night Cocktail. Location: New House Hallway. Enjoy a late evening of more food and drinks! Hang around in the New House Hallway. We have waiters who are waiting to serve you.

10:00 p.m. – **German House** – Practice your umlauts and glottal stops as you watch Germany's finest and funniest. Come to German House for our German Movie Night.

10:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Come quick! We're starting another movie on our big screen tv here at Burton-Conner.

10:00 p.m. – **Next House** – It's Mardi Gras time at Next House, come on over and earn some beads.

10:28 p.m. – **Senior House** – Twinkie eating competition. Doomcom, 1st floor. Extra cream filling.

10:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Wind down the night with a board game at Burton-Conner.

22:47 – **Random Hall** – Dungeons & Dragons and dice, oh my! You'd better hurry before all the monster-slaying ends! Carpe DM.

11 p.m.

11:00 p.m. – **Next House** – The party's still going on. The beads are flying, the masks are concealing, the refreshments are flowing, and bodies are grinding. If you thought it was hot outside, you need to get yourself over the Next House and feel the heat.

11:00 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – "There is a violence that enslaves and violence that liberates, a violence that is immoral and a violence that is moral." B. Mussolini.

11:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – We have a bunch of all new game tables for you to try at Burton-Conner.

23:17 – **Random Hall** – For the third night of Random's rooftop movie series, we will have a night of Hugo

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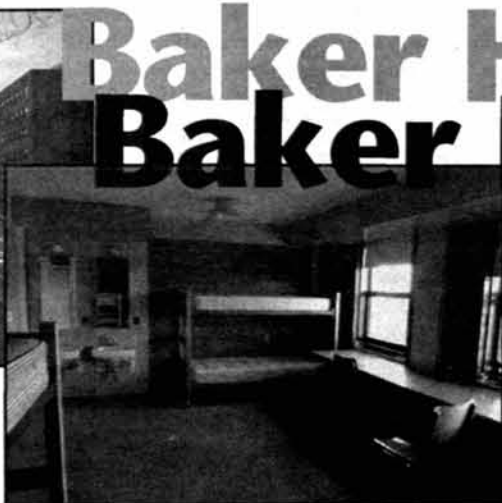
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## Baker House

**362 Memorial Drive (W7)**  
**Building capacity:** 318 beds  
**Cost per semester:** single: \$2,080 double: \$2,046 triple: \$1,884 quad: \$1,619

**House tax for 01-02:** \$66/semester  
**Health/allergy considerations:** no smoking indoors, no carpets in rooms, elevators, no cats  
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles, triples  
**Freshman room sizes:** doubles, triples, quads  
**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** one small kitchen, one dining hall  
**Room squatting allowed?:** yes



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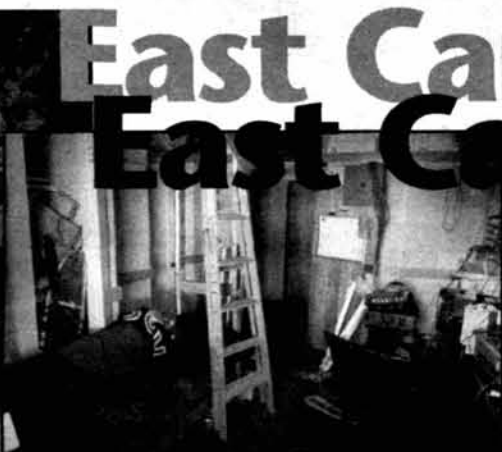
**50 Massachusetts Ave. (W13)**  
**Building capacity:** 120 beds  
**Cost per semester:** \$2,013  
**House tax for 01-02:** \$25/semester  
**Health/allergy considerations:** smoking allowed in individual suites, cats allowed, no carpets  
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles  
**Freshman room sizes:** doubles  
**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** kitchens on floors, no dining hall  
**Room squatting allowed?:** no



## Burton-Conner

**410 Memorial Drive (W51)**  
**Building capacity:** 344 beds  
**Cost per semester:** \$2,203  
**House tax for 01-02:** \$60/semester  
**Health/allergy considerations:** elevator in building, all rooms are carpeted, no smoking, no cats

**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles  
**Freshman room sizes:** doubles, triples  
**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** kitchens in suites, no dining hall  
**Room squatting allowed?:** no



## East Campus

**3 Ames Street (62 & 64)**  
**Building capacity:** 362 beds  
**Cost per semester:** single: \$2,098; double: \$1,154  
**House tax for 01-02:** \$55/semester  
**Health/allergy considerations:** no carpets, two smoking halls, cats allowed

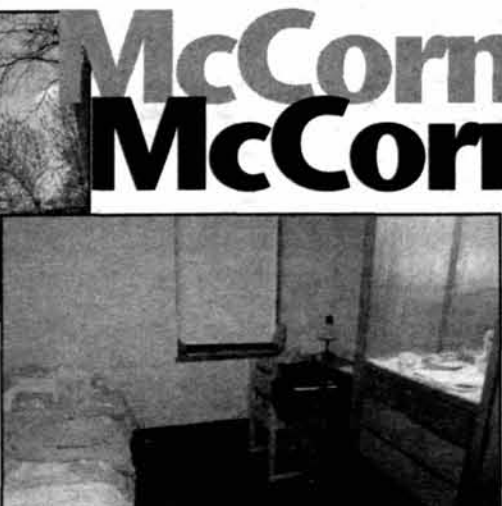
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles  
**Freshmen room sizes:** singles, doubles  
**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** kitchens on floors, no dining hall  
**Room squatting allowed?:** no



## MacGregor

**450 Memorial Drive (W61)**  
**Building capacity:** 326 beds  
**Cost per semester:** \$2,203  
**House tax for 01-02:** \$68/semester  
**Health/allergy considerations:** elevator, carpets in rooms, no smoking except in one lounge, no cats

**Upperclass room sizes:** singles  
**Freshman room sizes:** singles, 3 doubles  
**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** kitchens in corridors, no dining hall, convenience store  
**Room squatting allowed?:** no



## McCormick Hall

**320 Memorial Drive (W4)**  
**Building capacity:** 240 beds  
**Cost per semester:** \$2,203

**House tax for 01-02:** \$45/semester  
**Health/allergy considerations:** elevators, some rooms carpeted, no smoking indoors, no cats  
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles  
**Freshman room sizes:** doubles, one triple  
**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** kitchens on floors, dining hall open 1 day/week  
**Room squatting allowed?:** yes



# Dormitory Facts

## 471-476 Memorial Drive (W70)

**Building capacity:** 291 beds

**Cost per semester:** \$2,162

**House tax for 01-02:** average \$44/semester

**Health/allergy considerations:** air conditioning, handicapped accessible kitchen, no carpeting, no smoking indoors, no cats

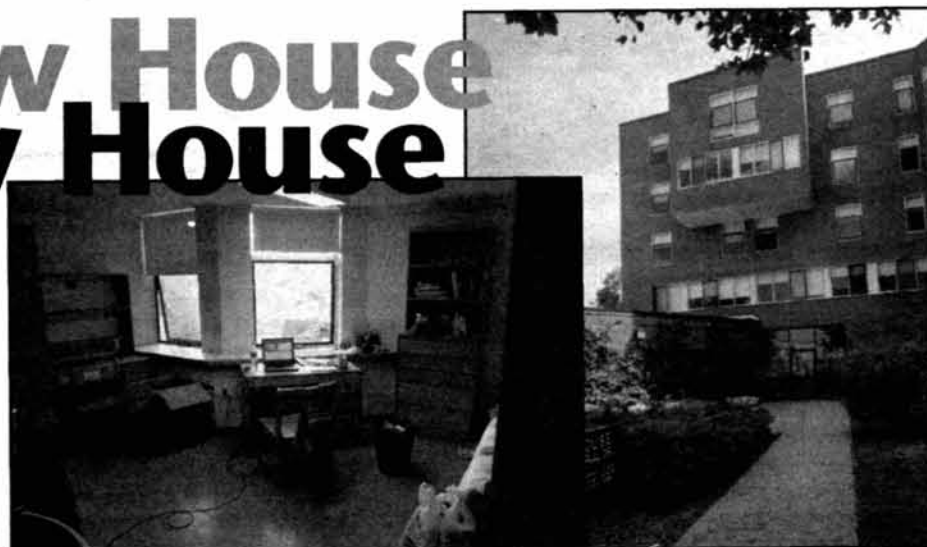
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles

**Freshman room sizes:** doubles, triples

**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** several kitchens with dining areas, no common dining hall

**Room squatting allowed?:** no; however squatting of sub-house allowed

## New House New House



## 500 Memorial Drive (W71)

**Building capacity:** 347 beds

**Cost per semester:** \$2,162

**House tax for 01-02:** \$46/semester

**Health/allergy considerations:** elevators, no carpeting in rooms, no smoking indoors, no cats

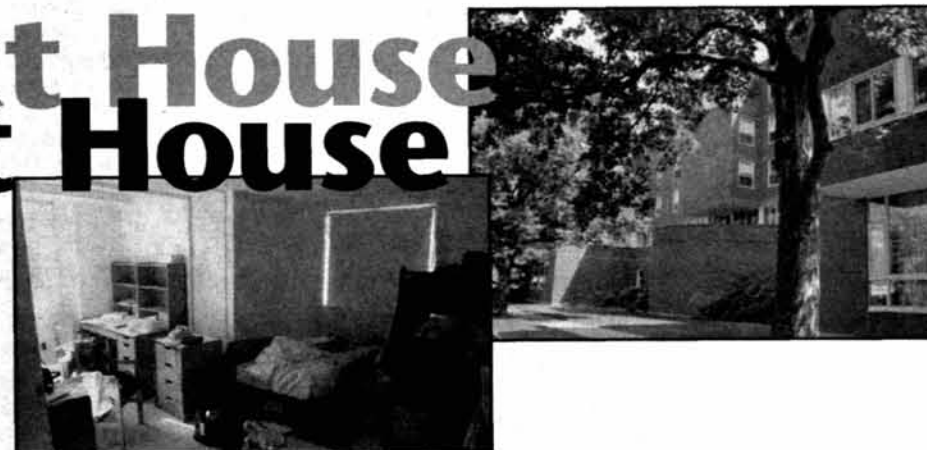
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles

**Freshman room sizes:** doubles, triples

**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** no kitchens, one common dining hall

**Room squatting allowed?:** no

## Next House Next House



## 290 Massachusetts Ave. (NW61)

**Building capacity:** 93 beds

**Cost per semester:** \$1,876

**House tax for 01-02:** \$45/semester

**Health/allergy considerations:** carpeting in rooms, smoking allowed in rooms, cats allowed

**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles

**Freshman room sizes:** doubles

**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** kitchens on all floors, no dining hall

**Room squatting allowed?:** no

## Random Hall Random Hall



## 70 Amherst Drive (E2)

**Building capacity:** 146 beds

**Cost per semester:** \$2,112

**House tax for 01-02:** \$65/semester

**Health/allergy considerations:** carpets in rooms, smoking allowed in some halls and suites, cats allowed, air conditioning

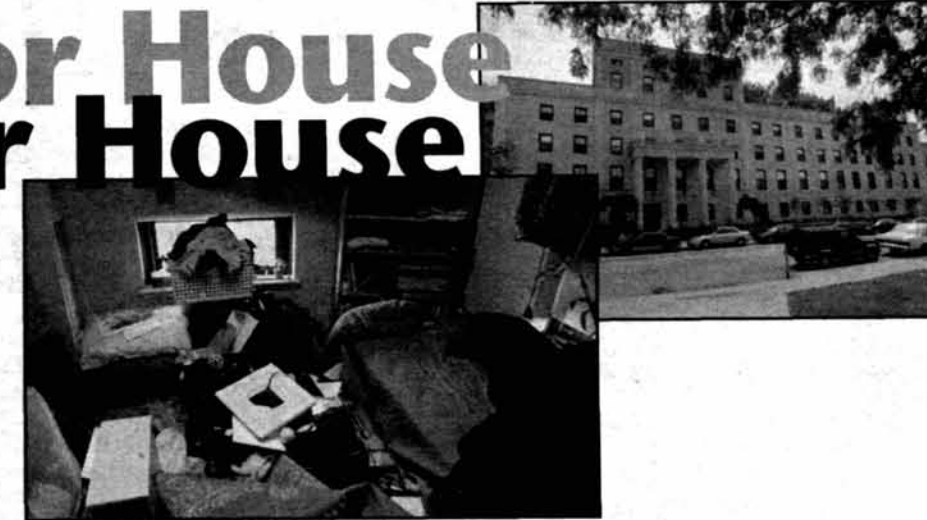
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles

**Freshman room sizes:** doubles

**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** no dining hall, floor kitchens

**Room squatting allowed?:** no

## Senior House Senior House



## 229-243 Vassar Street (W79)

**Building capacity:** 350 beds

**Cost per semester:** \$2,203,

plus an additional dining subsidy estimated at

\$200/semester

**House tax for 01-02:** \$100/semester

**Health/allergy considerations:** elevator, no smoking inside, no cats

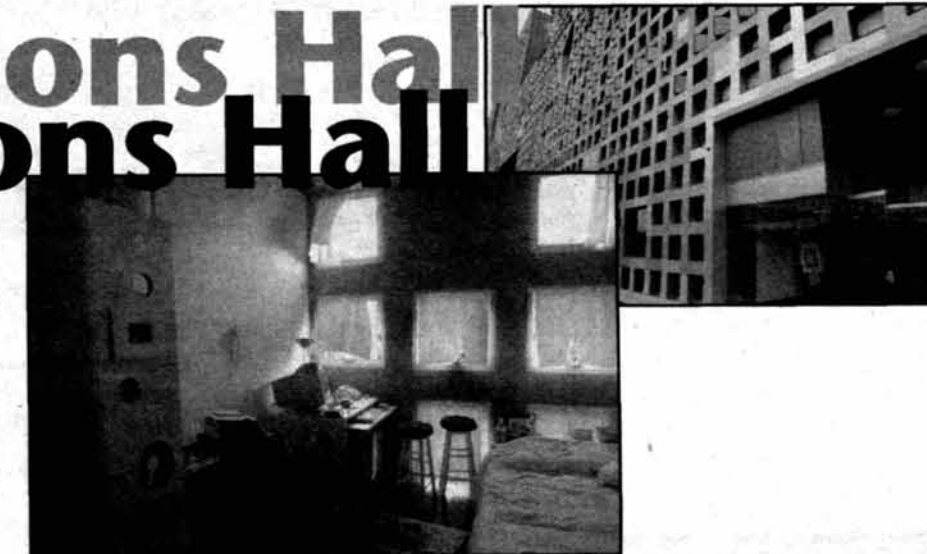
**Upperclass room sizes:** singles, doubles

**Freshman room sizes:** singles, doubles

**Kitchens and/or dining halls:** one common dining hall, one country kitchen

**Room squatting allowed?:** yes

## Simmons Hall Simmons Hall





Confusion, from Page A5

Weaving movies. In our first movie, he plays a guy named Smith. And he's an agent. And he's evil. And he shoots guns. And other people dodge the bullets that come out of those guns. And all this takes place within a two dimensional array of numbers. Summary: "The Matrix" on the roofdeck of Random.

11:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Only half an hour until it all ends. Come play with us or tour Burton-Conner before you go to sleep.

11:30 p.m. – **French House** – Did you know that fondue is a French word meaning melted? We'll be dipping all sorts of things into sweet, warm, thick, gooey... oh, where was I? Chocolate fondue. French House kitchen, 5th floor New House 6.

11:30 p.m. – **French House** – Nous avons du chocolat fondu. Bien sûr: "fondue" est un mot français, n'est-ce pas?

11:30 p.m. – **New House** – New House Tours. Meet at NH Front Desk!

11:45 p.m. – **New House** – Enjoy a late evening of cocktail food and getting to know New House!

11:45 p.m. – **French House** – Cookies. Many, many cookies.

11:45 p.m. – **French House** – Des biscuits. Beaucoup de biscuits.

23:47 – **Random Hall** – If yesterday felt like Monday, but today really is Monday, what does tomorrow feel like?

11:52 p.m. – **Senior House** – Everyone gets laid. Wear your fancy underwear. Mood lighting and "music to make love by" in the courtyard.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

All Day – **East Campus** – Rube-Goldberg Machine Construction. Watch as Jack Florey's liberal Pulitzer-Prize-winning commie pinko mouse Stewart gets slowly tortured by a whimsical yet delightfully moderate machine you helped spawn.

All day – **East Campus** – Rides of Death. The Safety Office don't got nothing on our life insurance policy-claiming-ghetto-ass rides of death.

All day – **East Campus** – Pool. Cool off in our hot tub of nekkid people. Seating limited.

All day – **East Campus** – Trampoline. Watch large chested women bounce up and down, or be watched yourself.

All day – **East Campus** – Welding, oxy-acetalene torches, and union benefits.

All day – **East Campus** – Model Rocket Building. Your Volksrocket may very well be the 'Next Big Thing'

12 a.m.

0:17 – **Random Hall** – It's getting late... let's count in binary! 0, 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, 110, 111, 1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101, 1110, 1111, ...

12:19 a.m. – **Senior House** – Women-only event: Piss for Accuracy Contest. Hopefully in the President's House.

12:53 a.m. – **Senior House** – Dave Morales will be offering free punches in the face. Ask an upperclassman for the secret passphrase to claim yours.

1 a.m.

1:17 – **Random Hall** – Our second movie is a little film you may have heard of called "the Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring". In this, our pal Hugo plays a 6550 year old elf named Elrond. Oh yeah, and there's also something about a little piece of jewelry and some short dude.

1:47 – **Random Hall** – Our Rush Chairs have reached the end of their proverbial rope. Luckily, tied to the end of the rope is a very stretchy bungee cord, so they'll be okay for another day (we hope). Boing.

2 a.m.

2:15 a.m. – **French House** – "Pipu said, "Peep!"

2:17 – **Random Hall** – Closest dorm to Burger King. Live here anyway.

2:31 a.m. – **Senior House** – Moose hunt! We're driving to maine, and we're not coming back until we see a moose, dammit!

2:47 – **Random Hall** – ...10000, 10001, 10010, 10011, 10100, 10101, 10110, 10111, 11000, 11001, 11010, 11011, 11100, 11101, 11110, 11111, ...

3 a.m.

3:17 – **Random Hall** – I hop, you

hop, let's all hop to RHOP! Get your piping hot pancakes at Random House of Pancakes, where you can eat an early breakfast for JACK squat!

3:38 a.m. – **Senior House** – Join us in a minute's silence for the victims of September 11. Try to remain silent for a full minute while we set you on fire, pelt you with chunks of masonry and twisted metal, and puff powdered asbestos up your nose. All participants declared official American heroes.

3:47 – **Random Hall** – ... svorky ...

4 a.m.

4:17 – **Random Hall** – To conclude our Hugo Weaving movie night on the roofdeck, he'll be playing a drag queen named Mitzi. Come watch her and her friends drive across the Australian outback in "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert".

4:47 – **Random Hall** – ... 100000, 100001, 100010, 100011, 100100, 100101, 100110, 100111, 101000, 101001, 101010, 101011, 101100, 101101, 101110, 101111, 110000, 110001, 110010, 110011, 110100, 110101, 110110, 110111, 111000, 111001, 111010, 111011, 111100, 111101, 111110, 111111, ...

7 a.m.

7:00 a.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – It's Monistat 7 o'clock! Come try out our shiny new stirrups!

7:34 a.m. – **French House** – French haiku, courtesy of Josh:

7:35 a.m. – **French House** – Qui a cuisiné?

7:36 a.m. – **French House** – Ici, avant mon équipe

7:37 a.m. – **French House** – Tout est dérangé.

8 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – Chemistry Exams. Someone told me you can make C8H10N4O2 using chemistry, but all my dawgs buy it on the street.

8:17 – **Random Hall** – Resident cartoons Kim and Stephanie will be up eating breakfast and channel-surfing – won't you join them?

9 a.m.

9:34 a.m. – **Senior House** – So you're a virgin frosh. And lack of play makes you obnoxious. Which ensures you never get play. Which makes you more obnoxious, etc. Starting to understand?

10 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – **Next House** – The beach is back, come on down to Next House to relax in the inflatable pool, go crazy on the slip-n-slide, play with the water toys, declare war using water balloons, or destroy the competition in volleyball.

10:00 a.m. – **Senior House** – Heavy Metal Espresso Breakfast. Late riser? Never got to bed? Wake up with woofers, sugary cereal, donuts, and double strength espresso. It's never too early to praise Satan. Rise and Hail!

10:10 a.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Finish the Dorm. Finish the Dorm.

11 a.m.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. – **Baker House** – Take a tour of Baker House! Come to Baker's lobby, tours will run every 20 minutes.

11:00 a.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – Come by for some small talk no one cares about! Our living group is totally the coolest, and to prove it, we're going to kiss your ass, cook you waffles and pretend MIT is a nonstop carnival with Spin Art and a muthaf--ing dunktank!

11:00 a.m. – **Next House** – Dr. T says "I pity the fool who ain't at Next House." Wise words indeed, there's a reason why the man has a PhD.

11:00 a.m. – **French House** – Pique-nique! Venez avec nous pour avoir un bon déjeuner au bord de la Rivière Charles. (S'il pleut, nous pouvons pique-niquer à l'intérieur.) -Venez nous voir dans la cuisine au 4eme étage de New House 6.

11:00 a.m. – **French House** – Picnic! Come with us for a nice lunch on the banks of the Charles River. (If it rains, we'll find somewhere else to eat!) Meet us in the French House kitchen, top floor New House 6.

11:17 – **Random Hall** – It's time for Random's Olympic Games! Just like the real Olympics, except without medals ... and we're playing four-square and ultimate Frisbee ... but other than that, it's

exactly the same!

12 p.m.

12:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Got a hankering for some BBQ? Come to Next House where Vikram, resident sex-machine, will be going wild at the grill all *Coyote Ugly* style. That's right; just hold on to your buns.

12:03 p.m. – **Senior House** – Where is Bulgaria? It's right here in Senior Haus. Learn from bulgarian men the best tips for picking up American women. We're all multicultural and shit.

12:12 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Concrete Transformer vs Asian Performer. Watch as Simmons Hall takes its true form ... As a malicious Giant Robot! Battle against Godzilla on Briggs Field.

12:17 – **Random Hall** – Make your own Pizza! We've got all the ingredients: chocolate chips, pineapple, blueberries. There's some cheese and sausage and stuff, too, but that's boring.

12:47 – **Random Hall** – Random Hall. We're all crazy, with a capital Q.

1 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Still hungry? Come on over to Next House and salvage what's left from the carnage. And remember when mom made you wait for 15 minutes before you could get in the pool? Well at Next House, we let you eat IN the pool, so go for it.

13:17 – **Random Hall** – Join the Boffer Knights as they make chainmail and deadly foam weapons. If you're going to help us defend the world's second largest independent nuclear superpower, we're going to have to get you something to fight with!

1:46 p.m. – **French House** – Meu.

1:56 p.m. – **Senior House** – French people smoke a lot. So do we. More free cigarettes.

2 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – Free Rush violations! (Bring latex gloves).

2:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Oh man, it's hot at Next House. Oh yeah, and it's really warm too. Inflatable pool, water toys, water slides, volleyball, water balloons, water buffalo, we've got it all.

2:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – to Freshman Picture. Get your photo taken. Seriously. We mean it. Stop reading this and go now!!! If you're fast enough, you can get your photo taken? twice, but you knew that already, right?

2:01 p.m. – **Senior House** – Alice-in-Wonderland-style tea party in the courtyard. We're weird because we're fictional.

14:47 – **Random Hall** – Freshman Photo is done – and the Boffer Knights are still at it! Making chainmail and weapons, that is. You wouldn't want to go naked into battle now, would you?

3 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Chillage.

3:00 p.m. – **Spanish House** – Daquiris and Dominos: Spend your final hours before the lottery closes with us and enjoy more of our famous daiquiris and try to beat our members at dominos. Yeah, we've still got the Game-Cube™ out, too!

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – **New House** – New House Tours. Meet at NH Front Desk!

3:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Listen to the voices in your head.

3:00 p.m. – **MacGregor House** – Hungry? MacGregor's got the biggest BBQ on the planet! \*We do hear that Martian BBQs are pretty big, though.

3:00 p.m. – **German House** – Pay German House a visit for chips, salsa and...what's that? Another mandatory activity? That's right, it's our mandatory German House information meeting. If you're interested in German House, come, otherwise you will be unable to live in German House.

3:00 p.m. – **French House** – Rush is almost over, and the lottery closes in a few short hours, but there's still time to come schmooze with us. We promise that the cookies will not run out.

3:00 p.m. – **French House** – C'est presque la fin du Rush, mais il vous reste du temps pour nous rendre visite.

3:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Did you miss the tours yesterday? There's still time to see Burton-Conner before your lottery choice is due.

3:03 p.m. – **Simmons Hall** – Get lost. We blindfold you, lead you to a random spot in the dorm and you gotta find

a way out. Good luck.

3:12 p.m. – **Senior House** – Can you open a matchbook, light the match, and close the book again, all with one hand? Neither can we, that's why we use lighters. Laugh at us while we try for hours to master this trick, and smoke free rush cigarettes.

3:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Hurry up and get over to Burton-Conner to see our kitchens.

3:30 p.m. – **New House** – Get your questions answered- New House Tours meeting at the Front Desk.

15:47 – **Random Hall** – Move over, Ben and Jerry. We want our ice cream and we want it NOW. We'll demonstrate liquid nitrogen as we go from ingredients to ice cream in 17 nanoseconds. Here at Random, we make common gases fun!

4 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – **Next House** – Only an hour left! Go Nextual!

4:00 p.m. – **German House** – What? You still haven't picked German House on the on-line housing lottery form? Do so now, before the lottery closes. We'll even take you to the House 3 athena cluster and help you out. Enjoy a rousing game of ultimate with your new housemates afterwards.

4:00 p.m. – **New House** – Find out why New House is a great dorm!- New House Tour meeting at Front Desk.

4:00 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Only an hour left to make your choice. Make sure you get a tour of Burton-Conner before you choose.

16:17 – **Random Hall** – Still haven't submitted your choices to the Correction Lottery? Athena Clusters completely packed? Come on over to Random – our computer to human ratio ensures that you'll be able to get your choices in on time.

4:30 p.m. – **French House** – The French House rush chairs are never tired! Drop by and we'll entertain you.

4:30 p.m. – **French House** – Les rush chairs de La Maison Française ne sont jamais fatiguées. Venez nous voir et vous vous amuserez.

4:30 p.m. – **Burton-Conner** – Quick! Your housing preferences are due in 30 minutes. Come see Burton-Conner and finish in our athena cluster.

4:30 p.m. – **New House** – Get to Know what New House is like- New House Tours meeting at the Front Desk.

4:45 p.m. – **New House** – Last chance! Find out why New House is a great dorm!- New House Tour meeting at Front Desk.

16:47 – **Random Hall** – Tick-tock, tick-tock. Race against the clock. Lotto choices due soon. Captain Kirk and Spock.

16:50 – **Random Hall** – Zeno once disproved motion. You see, in order to get from here to there, you first have to cover half the distance, then half the remaining distance, and so on. Allow me to demonstrate ...

16:55 – **Random Hall** – 5 minutes until 17:00 ...

16:57:30 – **Random Hall** – 2.5 minutes until 17:00 ...

16:58:45 – **Random Hall** – 1.25 minutes until 17:00 ...

4:59 p.m. – **MacGregor House** – Quick! One more minute to put MacGregor as your #1 choice in the Adjustment Lottery!

5 p.m.

17:00 – **Random Hall** – Oops, looks like Zeno was wrong. Oh well. Life goes on.

17:00 – **Random Hall** – By the way, the lottery's over now.

5:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – Geoff Goodell will show you how to set up your Linux system. Appointments required, to reserve a time slot simply send an e-mail to yourself.

5:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Housing Lottery Closes. With prizes supplied by both Fredrick's of Hollywood and International Male you'd be downright foolish not to enter.

17:01 – **Random Hall** – I wonder if the Tech checks the times on our entries?

17:17 – **Random Hall** – Yeah, we're still chillin' in the main lounge. Come eat our duct tape food.

17:30 – **Random Hall** – Beam me up, sayonara, adios, au revoir, toodleioo, svorky. Take care kids, and y'all come back now, y'hear!

5:52 p.m. – **Senior House** – Fuck "mandatory" dinner, it's time for a

smoke break. Sit in our courtyard, listen to weird stories. Free cigarettes in many varieties.

6 p.m.

Evening – **East Campus** – Giant Video Games. The giant screen sleeps for no one – not even cold, heartless video games.

Evening – **East Campus** – Rave. Reprazentin' all tha elements except graf, bboyin', and MCin', actual residents spin up sets for the groove mas-sive coverin' genres all over the spectrum, but, erm, not exactly hip-hop.

6:55 p.m. – **French House** – Mad Libs en français: A La Maison Française, Jacques a vu un \_\_\_\_ (nom) \_\_\_\_ qui parlait français et qui tenait un \_\_\_\_ (nom) \_\_\_\_ (adjectif) \_\_\_\_\_. " \_\_\_\_!" a-t-il dit.

7 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – **Senior House** – Get a bit of the ol' ultra-violence. Watch Clockwork Orange and learn how to vent your frustration in a decidedly negative way.

7:20 p.m. – **Bexxxley Hall** – In the future, we will all drive standing up. In the future, plates of food will have names and titles. In the future, it will be a relief to find a place without culture.

8 p.m.

8:11 p.m. – **Senior House** – The tree is displeased. You're running out of time to give blood, come ride the lifeswing of doom.

8:34 p.m. – **Senior House** – Get wet at senior haus. We're all wet for you, baby.

9 p.m.

9:27 p.m. – **Senior House** – Dinner from a local restaurant. Get used to the real MIT experience. Order out.

10 p.m.

10:13 p.m. – **Senior House** – <required making-fun-of-religion-that-isn't-christianity gag> Did Allah promise you 50 virgins? Well, you won't find them in Senior Haus.

10:00 p.m. – **French House** – Cookies 'n' milk! Milk 'n' cookies! Rush is over, but we still have cookies, so come hang out with us and have a snack.

10:00 p.m. – **French House** – "Rush est fini, mais quand même, détendez avec nous et nous vous donnerons plus de petits gâteaux secs. Bien sûr.

11 p.m.

11:48 p.m. – **Senior House** – Watermelon Man Screening - If you're considering living at Senior Haus, this, uh, film will give you a feel for the Haus culture, back before Senior Haus got painted lavender by The Man.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – Physics and Calc Exams. Why study for these god-forsaken exams when you could be at East Campus eating food and setting fire to something.

11 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – **East Campus** – Lunch with Advisors. One day you'll pay for food, just not now.

1 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Core Blitz. Academic mumbo-jumbo?

2 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Academic Expo. When Academic is in the TITLE it MUST be cool!!!

7 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – **East Campus** – Lottery Results.

7:30 p.m. – **East Campus** – All EC Frosh Herded in Talbot Lounge for Brainwashing, Ritual Seppuku. Don't miss this information and introduction selection at risk of total and utter confusion, chaos and disembowelment.

8 p.m.

8 p.m. – **East Campus** – HALL RUSH BEGINS.

8:30 p.m. – **German House** – Now that you're officially moving into German House, come over and meet our Graduate Resident Tutor, Asha Balakrishnan. She'll give you the run-down of what we're about and her role as GRT. Afterwards, you lucky freshmen get to pick your rooms through our in-house lottery!



# THE ARTS

## CONCERT REVIEW

### The Epitome of Punk

#### Vans Warped Tour 2002

By Ravi Kapoor

Suffolk Downs  
August 15, 2002

Ok, so I woke up a little late. I'm not accustomed to forcing myself awake before noon to go to a concert. So I didn't. As I woke up in mid-afternoon, I did the all too familiar action of looking at my watch and saying "shit." So I hauled my ass out of bed and wrapped myself in a Less Than Jake t-shirt, since every punk aficionado knows that you have to sport some apparel to show where your interests lie. The Vans Warped Tour 2002, aptly named, arrived at Suffolk Downs on a sweltering Thursday with big names such as Bad Religion, New Found Glory, Goldfinger, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and Simple Plan. The lesser known or newer bands included Skitch, Big Blue Monkey, From Autumn To Ashes, Death By Stereo, Thursday and more. Overall, Warped Tour was eight heavy, distorted hours of punk madness presenting over seventy bands.

Arriving at the track, somehow I bypassed the entire ticketing process and just wandered out among the nine stages (don't ask) preparing myself for a vocal and instrumental bashing. As I showed up fashionably late, I couldn't help but notice the filth and trash strewn across the grass fields. The problem was, I couldn't distinguish between

the literal garbage, cups, plates, fries, nachos, and the "white trash," who seemed to blend nicely into the refuse. While some concertgoers were pushing forward to get as close to their favorite band as they could, others were sitting on the grass in the middle of nowhere with no evident purpose whatsoever. It was going to be interesting.

There were two large stages prepared for the larger acts, closing with Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Bad Religion. These last acts drew huge crowds, as the other seven stages finished their sets between 6 and 7 p.m. During the middle of the tour, however, punks and posers were everywhere. The best thing about punk music is you don't have to know what the hell is going on and you can have a damn good time. The From Autumn To Ashes set, performed on a stage about the size of my palm, was the most energetic set of the day. The audience, appearing completely dumbfounded, perhaps from all of the weed in the air, possessed mind-blowing energy. About 100 people supported six crowd-surfers, two mosh pits, and half-naked women at any given time ... during From Autumn To Ashes' slowest, softest song of the set.

When I became a little tired of the music, I decided to wander around the grassy fields to check what other trouble I could get myself involved in. Besides the music, there were two half-pipes, one with BMXers showing off their limited skills (boring) and the other with skateboarders (more bore-

dom). The audiences for these exhibitions were about ten people each, comprised mostly of older folks who took their rebel kids to Warped Tour but couldn't handle the deafening music. Another thing that seemed popular was standing in winding, horizon-distant lines to obtain a soda or plate of nachos, as nutrition is important when at a concert. After being disappointed by these sights, I decided to head over to the Drive Thru Records stage to catch the Finch set, my main purpose for going to Warped Tour.

Finch, made up of five mischievous bastards all younger than myself, were by far the heaviest act at Warped Tour. With the same sonic sound that defined their first album, Finch had a large crowd gathering to hear Alex Pappas driven rhythms on drums, Randy's distinct punk/hardcore guitar riffs, and vocalist Nate Barcalow's range from solemn choirboy to screaming fiend. Finch opened with their title track, "What It Is To Burn," a three-minute frenzy. Halfway through the set, to my surprise, Finch lapsed into the Pixies' "Where Is My Mind?" The young brigands closed with "Perfection Through Silence" on both their EP and LP. The short thirty-minute set was well received by the audience, as Finch signed CDs and t-shirts after the show.

The Vans Warped Tour, the epitome of punk, rocked long and hard, and the 2002 concert showed the path new school punk is heading ... into the hearts of us all.

## CONCERT REVIEW

### Mostly Mozart Festival

#### Starring the Majestic, Riveting, and Unmissable Beethoven

By Jonathan Richmond

ADVISORY BOARD

*Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment*  
Conducted by Louis Langrée  
Robert Levin, fortepiano solo  
New York Lincoln Center  
August 10, 3 p.m.

The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, part of a British contingent that has saved this year's *Mostly Mozart Festival* from extinction (and due to appear in Boston on October 4), pumped out Beethoven at his most raw and visceral in its Lincoln Center concert August 10. The long and crazed program flashed by in a moment, ending in wild ovations which suggested Britain would be welcome as the 51st state, should it wish to apply.

*Mostly Mozart* is a four-week New York summertime tradition, the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra its mainstay. A bitter strike over job security led to the cancellation of all Festival Orchestra concerts, and following the strike's resolution, only one program was restored. Mainly-British visiting bands, such as the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and the Gabrieli Consort, were left to save the day.

Beethoven launched some of his greatest works at a blockbuster concert in December

1808. The extended event ended with a specially composed Choral Fantasy, designed to bring together all the night's performers — orchestra, pianist, and singers — for a midnight knees-up. The Londoners' New York program didn't offer quite the same works, but did recreate the supercharged musical orgy Beethoven had in mind.

Playing an 1829-30 Conrad Graf fortepiano, Harvard professor Robert Levin opened the all-Beethoven concert with the G minor Fantasia for Solo Piano, Op. 77, bringing out the unhinged side of the work with a display of extraordinary dynamics, while illuminating its burlesque aspects with the help of his instrument's short-sustaining sounds.

The quick-damping keyboard action was key to the intensity of Levin's performance in the Piano Concerto No. 4. Levin delivered high-velocity brilliance, but made one hear and feel every single note and appreciate the carefully-conceived nuances, which provided insight and delight throughout the performance.

Levin improvised his own rather elaborate cadenzas while conductor Louis Langrée looked on nervously, concerned not to miss the signal to bring back the band. For the second movement, said to evoke the Orpheus legend, Levin's style became contemplative, evoking the sufferings of the gentle Orpheus, while the Furies, in search of Orpheus's soul, sounded their stormy anger in the OAE's pre-

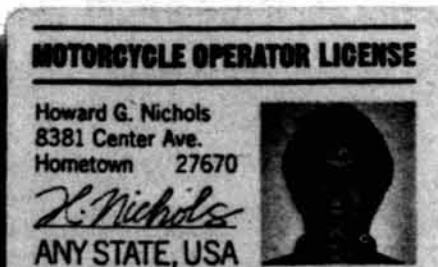
cise and explosive strings.

Unlike their modern counterparts, early brass and timpani do not wipe out other instrumental voices when played full blast. Langrée's merciless whipping of the orchestra during the Seventh Symphony drew unflagging bolts of energy, but at the cost of a number of flaws as the ensemble drifted apart periodically. This was a price worth paying for an elation rarely experienced in the concert hall. Strings, on the attack without distracting vibrato, joined raspy brass sounds in grabbing the senses. Winds were at some times dark and brooding, and at others, they provided punctuation of such pretty innocence as to be unnerving. This was the Beethoven of legends: majestic, riveting, impossibly intense, utterly insane.

Adrenaline wore a little thin for the concluding Choral Fantasy, which was not quite properly balanced in its execution. The piece was fun, nonetheless, and an appropriate wind-down from the raging finale of the Seventh.

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# Simmons Construction Continues As Students Arrive

Simmons, from Page 1

to complete a host of tasks in preparation for the arrival of the new residents. Jobs done included electrical work, plumbing, putting up shower curtains, and custodial work, she said.

Randolph also said some work needed to be done on the ventilation in the atria.

Since June, construction crews have been working longer shifts and weekends in an attempt to get the building complete by the time students with early returns started to arrive, Nilsson said.

"We had hoped to be ready by [Aug. 16]," Randolph said.

"Whenever you get ready to open a building, there are always a few last-minute things" to be done, Nilsson said.

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said the Institute obtained the necessary permits on Tuesday

morning at 8:30, and residents started moving at 10:00 a.m.

## Some furniture still en route

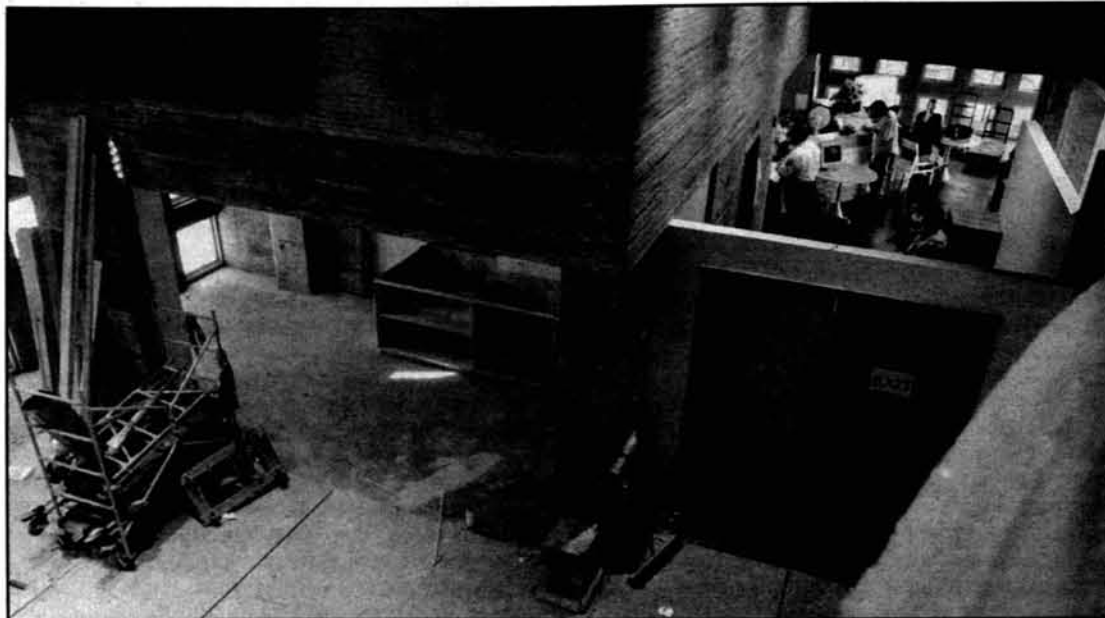
While many students are now settled in at Simmons Hall, some furniture still had not arrived at the building as of Friday night.

"All the important furniture is there," Benedict said. Benedict said the desk chairs, as well as the tubs for some storage units, were "in a warehouse in New Hampshire" on their way here Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, residents are using folding chairs, he said.

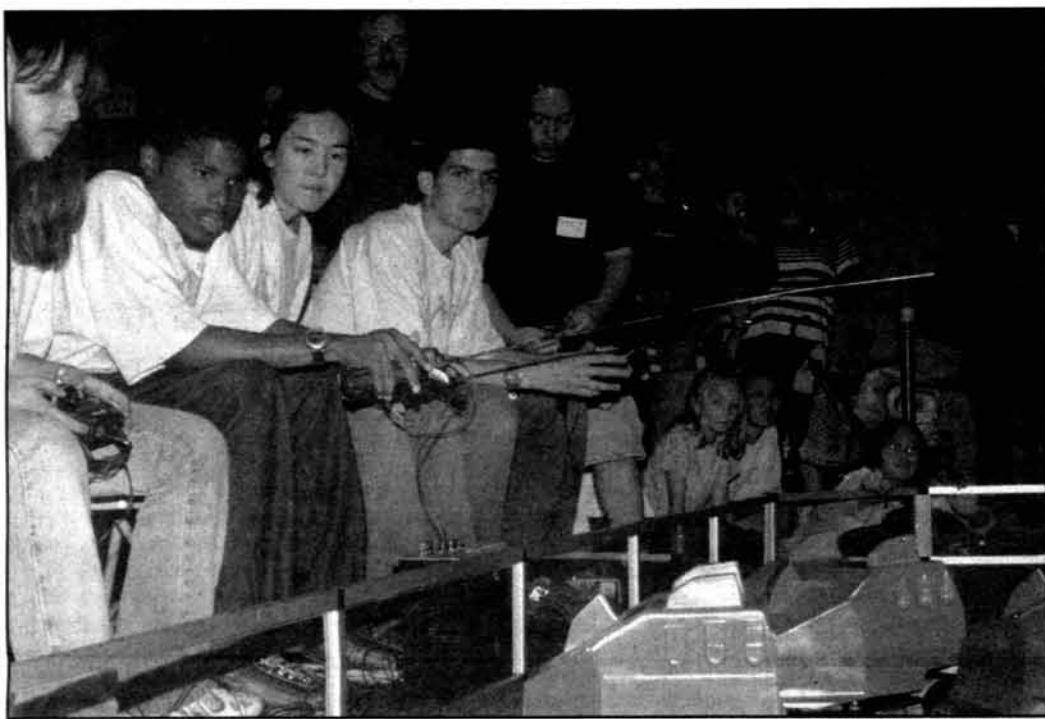
Much work still remains to be done on the building. The dining hall, for example, is part of Phase II of the project, slated to be complete in late October or November, Nilsson said.

By September, Simmons will house about 350 undergraduates. Nilsson said the beds were evenly distributed among the four classes.



AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Although construction continues throughout Simmons Hall, the new undergraduate dormitory was operational on Friday.



TIMOTHY W. SUEN—THE TECH

Freshmen Amy L. Daitch '06, Steven L. Flowers '06, Mika A. Tomczak '06, and Jonathan A. Marcus '06 maneuver their robots in a heated round of soccer. This competition at the Museum of Science on Saturday was the culmination of a week of bot-building for the participants of the freshmen preorientation program Discover Mechanical Engineering.



MICHELLE L. POVINELLI—THE TECH

Student activists protested the alleged use of non-union cleaning and janitorial staff in the office building at 1 Kendall Square. The action was part of a conference organized by the United Students Against Sweatshops, held at MIT from August 9-11.

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# More Freshmen Participate in RBA, Preorientation

Freshmen, from Page 1

Sarah E. Sheppard '06.

Brian C. Chase '06, who participated in the Freshman Outdoors Program, said that "although there were a few activities that were uncomfortable to do ... it was a really challenging experience, and you got to know a few other freshmen really well."

Timothy D. Pennington '06 said that he liked that "we got to move in before everybody else."

Likewise, Davis said that "it was nice to have some more time to get used to the campus."

However, Cynthia N. Whitney '06 said that although she liked meeting other freshmen, "I came when the dorm was mostly empty so it was a little scary."

Andrew D. Greenhut '06, who did not participate in FPOPS, nonetheless arrived to campus on Wednesday. Greenhut said that "as

soon as I got here, I've been meeting many new people ... and have went to about four or five of the dorms to see people I met during [Campus Preview Weekend]."

## Freshmen plan to squat

Like the past two years, each incoming freshman was asked to rank his preferences for his temporary dormitory assignment during the summer. However, unlike any prior year, freshmen will remain in their temporary dormitory assignments unless they decide to enter the traditional dormitory lottery.

At this point, many freshmen are not interested in moving into another dormitory. In fact, many are hoping to remain in the same room with their temporary roommates, providing that their dormitories allow it.

Whitney received her first choice of East Campus and select-

ed it because it is "quirky and eccentric ... plus, it's cat friendly." Whitney, who said she likes living on Fourth West, intends on staying in East Campus.

Joe J. Sikoscow '06, who is living at Simmons, also said he intends to stay in Simmons and would like to stay in the same room with his current roommate.

However, Chase, who is currently living in New House, is considering entering the dormitory lottery. "I am thinking of trying to move into Burton-Conner because I like the suite style. I don't think that I want to do the rush thing in New House," Chase said.

## More freshmen sign up for RBA

This will be the third year that all freshmen who want to live in McCormick must participate in RBA. In addition to McCormick, Next House will be requiring its freshmen to participate in RBA.

Last year, less than half of Next House's freshmen participated in RBA.

Sheppard, who is participating in McCormick's RBA program, said that she really likes living in McCormick.

Greenhut said that he likes Next House's RBA program. Nonetheless, Greenhut "selected Next House because it seems like a social dorm. ... RBA is just an

extra benefit."

Pennington, however, said that he was unhappy in Next House's RBA program. "The guys that I met [during DOE] live in Baker, and we wanted to sign up for a quad together," Pennington said.

Pennington said that he has asked to leave the RBA program, since he did not understand that it was binding when he filled out the application.

# Deutsch Participated In Manhattan Project

Deutsch, from Page 1

positronium experiments. "Martin was a remarkably knowledgeable man, a firehose of information in the MIT tradition."

## Deutsch fled to Switzerland, U.S.

Born to a Jewish family in Vienna in 1917, Deutsch fled in 1934 after resisting the growing fascist movement in Austria. The following year, he and his mother traveled to the U.S., settling in Cambridge.

When he enrolled at MIT, Deutsch was granted permission to get a bachelor's degree in two years, and he earned his PhD in only four more. Among his peers at MIT in the late 1930s was Richard P. Feynman '39, the 1965 Nobel Laureate in physics. Feynman's prize-winning work in quantum electrodynamics was greatly

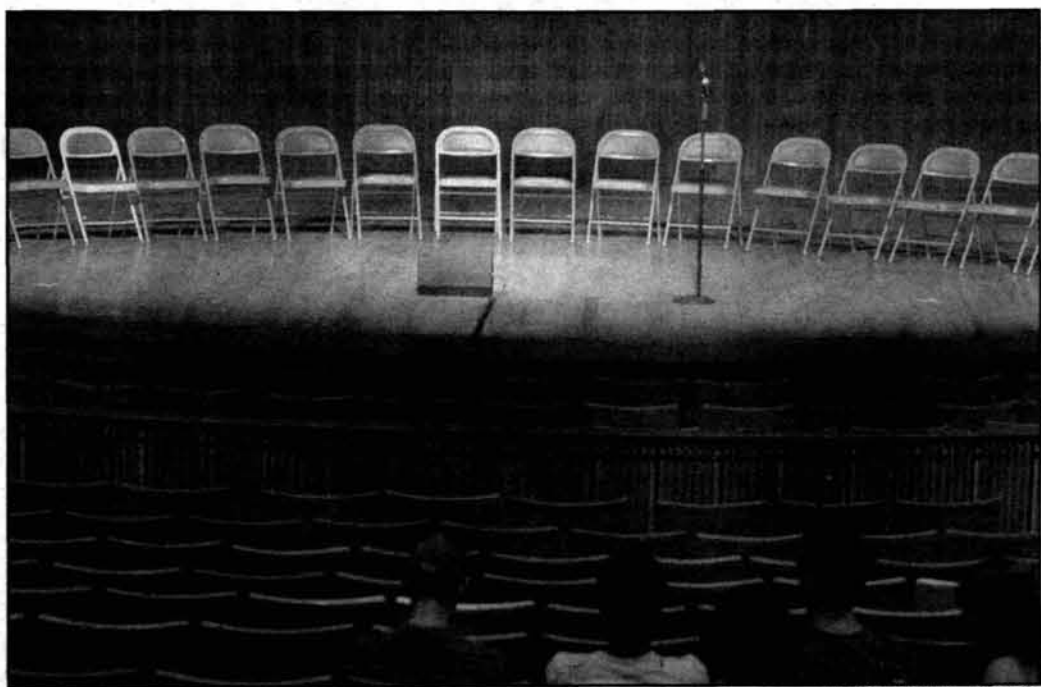
advanced by Deutsch's discovery of positronium 14 years earlier.

## WWII brought investigation

When Germany annexed Austria in 1941, Deutsch became a German subject and thus an "enemy alien." For two years, he taught and researched at MIT while undergoing a security investigation to get clearance to work on the atomic bomb as part of the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, N.M. There he worked with such physics legends as Niels Bohr, Enrico Fermi, and Robert Oppenheimer.

After the war, Deutsch helped lead the Laboratory for Nuclear Science, where his students included Henry W. Kendall PhD '55, who won the Nobel Prize in 1990 for his co-discovery of the quark.

Deutsch is survived by his wife and two sons. A memorial service will be announced.



AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

The R-Rated Hypnotist, a traditional Orientation event, was canceled on Friday due to a lack of attendance. Less than 15 showed up for the event in Kresge theater.

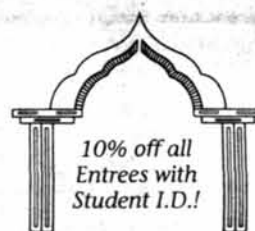


AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Construction continued on the Alpine Bagel Cafe and The Cambridge Grill on Friday. The new eatery is slated to open in early September.

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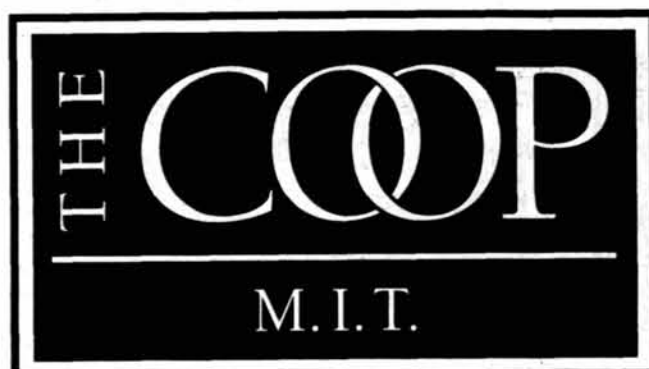


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# IFC Sponsors Events To Inform Freshmen

FILGs, from Page 1

sanctions.

However, "there's nothing that prevents houses from initiating a relationship with freshmen," Chan said.

## No rush rules before Sept. 20

After Orientation ends, IFC member houses will be operating under normal MIT and IFC rules until the official Rush period begins.

"The end result is there aren't really any rules," Chan said, with the exception of normal MIT rules regarding alcohol and events.

"There's this weird period of time between orientation and rush," said IFC Recruitment Chair Joshua S. Yardley '04. "The rules between the end of Orientation and the beginning of rush are the same as the rules during the year."

He said houses were encouraged to meet freshmen and advertise events during that period, and he expected most houses to have their pledge classes determined before the official start of Rush.

## IFC to host events this week

While individual houses cannot advertise events this week, the IFC is sponsoring several events this

week to make new students aware of FILG housing options for the future.

One possible source of new members for FILGs is transfer students, who are able to live off campus immediately as upperclassmen. Yardley said that about twenty students transferred to MIT this year, and the IFC hosted a mixer Friday night.

"They can move in now if they want to," Yardley said. "We're really hoping to get some guys from there."

Last night, the IFC hosted a reception for parents in the student center, similar to an event held during Campus Preview Weekend. Yardley said more than 100 parents attended, some with their children. "Parents are so confused by everything," Yardley said, citing the many changes to MIT's housing system as overwhelming for parents.

After the welcome dinner in Johnson Athletic Center Tuesday, the IFC is sponsoring a party in the Student Center. La Sala de Puerto Rico will host an FILG residence midway, where each house will be able to provide information to freshmen. Other activities include a DJ in Lobdell, karaoke, and a palm reader.

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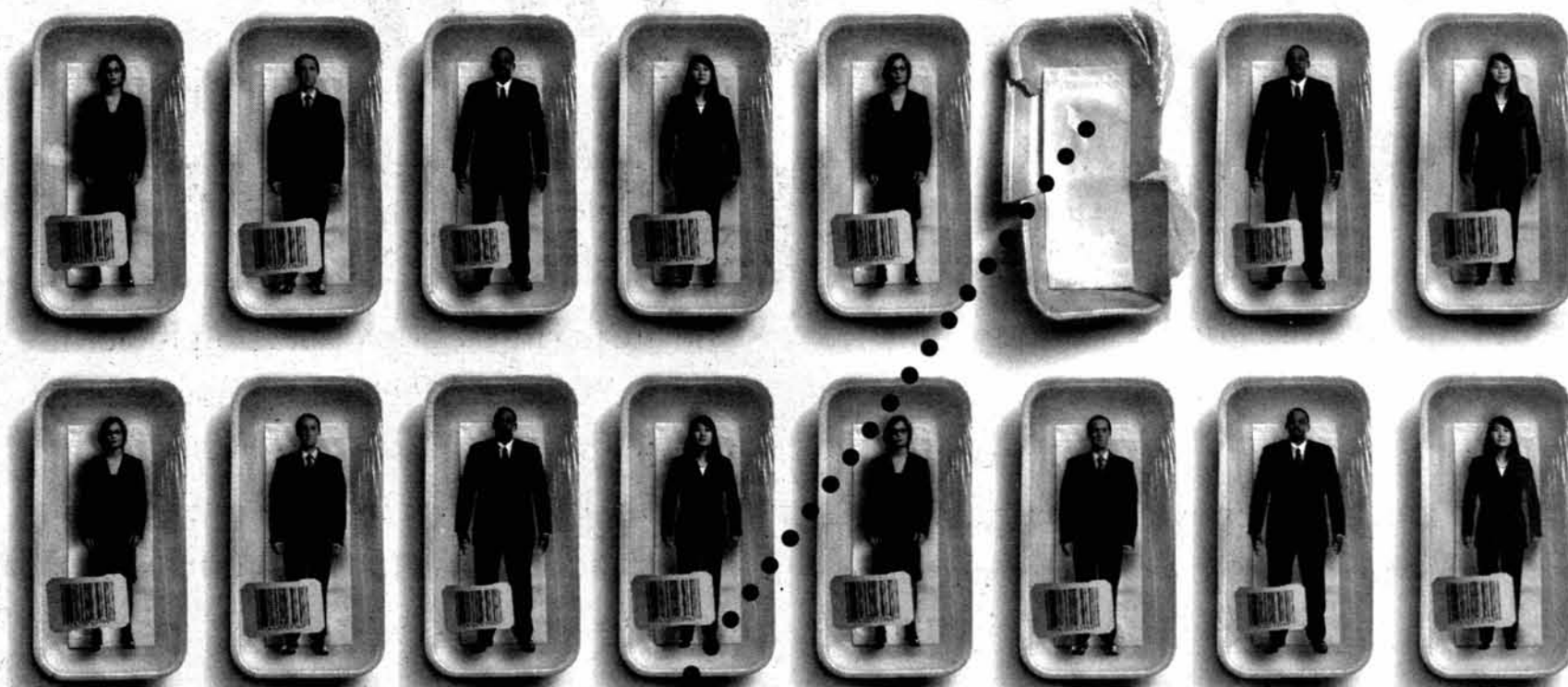


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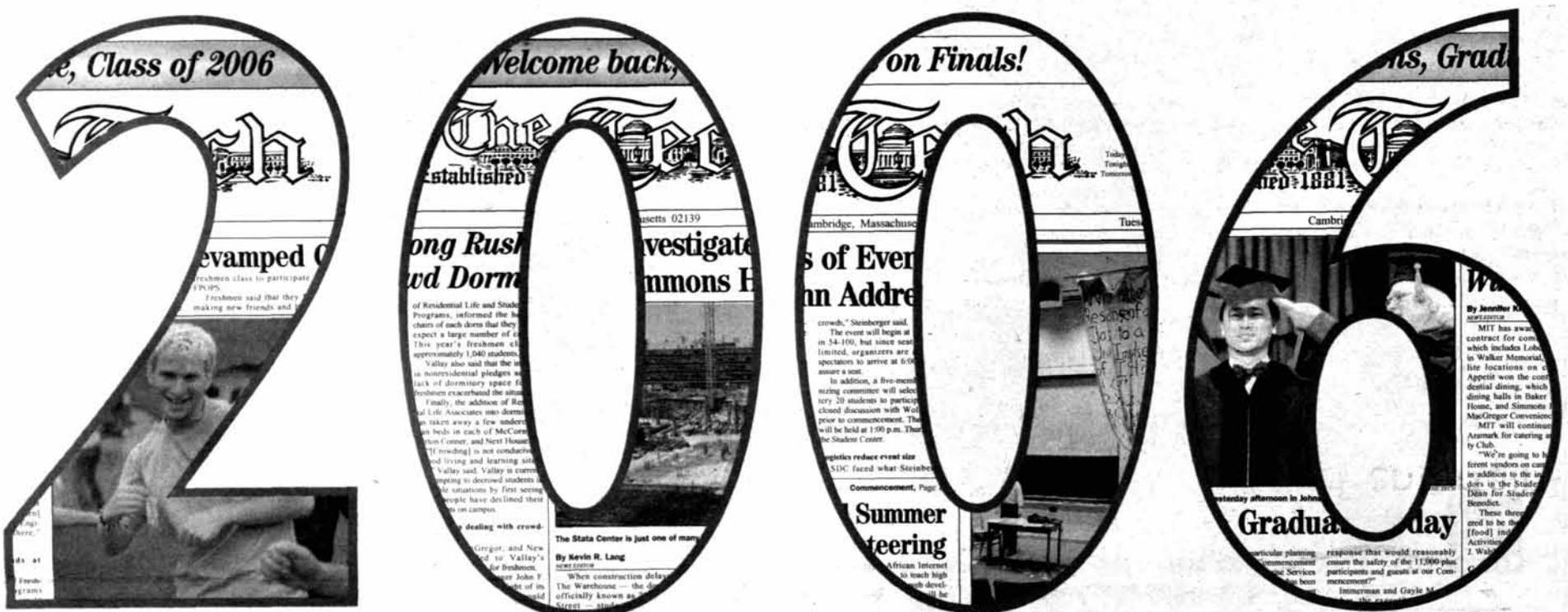
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